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UAB Health System's Ferniany to retire at end of 2021

Will Ferniany, Ph.D., will retire as CEO of UABHS and the new UAB/Ascension St. Vincent's Alliance. Selwyn Vickers, M.D., senior vice president, will succeed Ferniany and continue as dean of the medical school.

UAB to conduct search for vice provost for graduate and international education

The new role aligns leadership of the Graduate School with the Office of Global Engagement at an intersection of two pillars of UAB's strategic plan, Forging the Future.

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.

COVID-19 updates and reminders



Social distance requirements to be reduced for summer

Effective May 10, the university will reduce the required distance between individuals to 3 feet from 6 feet, consistent with revised guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Continue to maintain 6-foot distancing until May 10.

Domestic travel restrictions to be lifted Aug. 1

Effective Aug. 1, restrictions on domestic travel due to COVID-19 will be removed.

International travel restrictions will remain until further notice.

Reminders and resources:

- Vaccines now are available for all UAB employees, register online now
- UAB's safety requirements including masks apply regardless of vaccine status
- Vaccinated persons exposed to COVID not required to quarantine if asymptomatic
- Continue to complete Healthcheck daily and report any symptoms

You can report non-compliance with safety precautions

Students and employees must comply with COVID-19 safety precautions while on campus. Non-compliance concerns can be reported through the UAB Ethics Hotline.

Things to Know



Get tools and support for your career at UAB starting April 7

UAB's Career Wise program provides a great opportunity to revisit your plan or look at your options with fresh eyes. This five-part series can help employees navigate UAB, clarify career goals and objectives and build a support system.



Here's how to navigate the campus calendar like an expert

Lectures, art exhibits, concerts, add-drop deadlines and more can all be found at calendar.uab.edu. Matt Cuthbert, UAB's resident calendar expert, offers tips for using the calendar most effectively.

Drive to campus? Update your account and avoid a ticket

UAB parking permit-holders should update vehicle registration information or, if needed, get a free replacement permit in April to ensure they are complying with parking policy.

IRS warns of phishing scam targeting universities

A scam that targets employees and students with "edu" email addresses uses subject lines such as "tax refund payment" or "recalculation of your tax refund payment" and solicits personal and identifying information. If you suspect an email is phishing, forward it to phishing@uab.edu or to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

Research and discovery



Who will benefit from new 'game-changing' weight-loss drug semaglutide?

Clinical trial results published this year are better than any other medication and have study scientists excited, including UAB's Timothy Garvey, M.D. Get the latest on what Garvey

Public Health research poster session is April 5

calls "a very powerful tool to treat obesity."

See the latest research being conducted in the UAB School of Public Health 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 5. Alfredo Morabia, Ph.D., editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Public Health, will deliver the keynote, "Translating your science to journal publications." Register online.

Nursing to host quality and safety conference April 9

Get insight from Quality and Safety Education for Nurses integration practice experts, collaborate with practice peers, discuss solutions with experts and network with colleagues.

One more thing



Musicians with UAB ties featured on new CD of classical compositions by Alabamians

The double CD "Alabama String Quartets," produced by the Birmingham Art Music Alliance, features original music by composers living in Alabama — including UAB employees and alumni Scott Phillips, Brian Moon, Chris Steele and Monroe Golden. Listen to the collection on Spotify or purchase a CD online.

Check the campus calendar for more events

Lectures

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