

## December 15, 2010

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### Campus Highlights

#### **Fall Commencement is Saturday**

At least 800 students will participate in commencement exercises at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 in Bartow Arena. More than 2,100 students are expected to graduate this semester. The ceremonies will be streamed live at [www.uab.edu/commencement/video/livevideo](http://www.uab.edu/commencement/video/livevideo) to enable students' friends and relatives who cannot attend the ceremony to be a part of the special event. For more details, visit [www.uab.edu/commencement](http://www.uab.edu/commencement).

#### **Blazers earn honors**

Senior defender [Curtis Ushedo](#) and junior forward [Babayele Sodade](#) were named National Soccer Coaches Association of America [All-Region](#) performers this past week. Volleyball player [Sam Serley](#) also earned [all-region](#) honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association of America, and cross country runner [Rhiannon Johns](#) was named to the C-USA [All-Academic](#) Team.

#### **New study focuses on influence of genes on exercise in students**

A five-year study starting in January 2011 hopes to incorporate the exercise patterns of 3,200 UAB students to bring further understanding of the reasons individuals respond and/or persist in exercise and formulate better and more efficacious interventions for obesity.

#### **Campus Rec's Biggest Loser Challenge returns in January**

The competition will kick off with first weigh-ins the week of Jan. 10, 2011 — just in time for those New Year's resolutions — and final weigh-ins will be the week of March 10. Students can sign up for the challenge as a team of two or three or as an individual; cost is \$5, and you must have a photo ID.

#### **Contest seeks powerful PSAs**

Public health is about to get funky. UAB's second annual KoronisFest is seeking attention-grabbing public service

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#### **GreenMail**

GreenMail is an official communication of the University of Alabama at Birmingham that delivers news, announcements and information of particular interest to and for the benefit of its students. It is published electronically as a service of the offices of the Provost, Student Affairs, Public Relations & Marketing, and Information Technology, and is a recommended alternative to mass e-mails.

announcements (PSAs) in live-action, animation or poster form and will award cash prizes for the winning entries. Founders of this unique festival talk about PSAs of the past and the need for edgy, exciting methods of communicating key lifestyle and disease-prevention messages in *UAB Magazine* at [www.uab.edu/uabmagazine](http://www.uab.edu/uabmagazine). See last year's winners and learn more about the 2011 competition.

### **Feel like you need a survival guide to get through the holidays?**

Statistics show the holidays can pose serious safety risks from electrical fires, injuries putting up Christmas decorations, driving while distracted. UAB Psychologist David Schwebel, Ph. D., has tips to help you safely enjoy your holiday season on this week's BlazerCast at [www.youtube.com/uabnews](http://www.youtube.com/uabnews).

### **All are invited to participate in UAB Day of Service**

For a second year, faculty and staff have an opportunity to support our longstanding mission of serving the community by participating in a UAB Day of Service. The special day, known as Hands On Birmingham King Day of Service, is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 17, 2011 — Martin Luther King Day.

### **ELSP lends helping hand during holidays**

UAB's Experiential Learning Scholars Program (ELSP) students sponsored a child for the holidays through AIDS Alabama. The students raised more than \$525 to fully sponsor one child affected by HIV/AIDS and assisted with sponsorship of two other children. ELSP is an Honors Academy program designed for students who are searching for ways to enhance their academic course work with applicable, real-life experiences.

### **Find stranger things in UAB News•**

UAB English instructor Eugene Cuevas is filming an original, independent movie that he wrote and is directing. Cuevas' paranormal mystery, titled "Awakened," is aiming for a debut in late spring or summer 2011. Read about it on the UAB News blog, [www.uabnews.blogspot.com](http://www.uabnews.blogspot.com).

### **HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS AND INFORMATION REPORTED**

Do you have news you want to share with students in GreenMail, The Kaleidoscope or on BlazeRadio? Use the [Request Publicity](#) form online. Deadline for submitting information for GreenMail is 10 a.m. every Tuesday. Make a note, though: This is the last issue of GreenMail for 2011; we're going on break with the rest of you for a while and will return for the spring semester Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011.

### **Today is last day to use fall '10 meals**

Wednesday, Dec. 15 is the last day to use meal plans from the fall semester. Unused meals will be cleared after Dec. 15 to prepare for the spring 2011 semester. Meal plans can be used at the Commons on the Green, the Diner and Blazer Café. Dining Dollars from fall '10 will roll into the spring semester. For more information on meal plans and Dining Dollars visit [www.uab.edu/dining/meal-plans](http://www.uab.edu/dining/meal-plans).

### **Save more than 50 percent with textbook rentals for spring**

Textbook rentals at the Barnes and Noble at UAB Bookstore are back coming this spring. Rentals are an easy way to save a lot of cash while having access to needed textbooks.

### **Submit your entry for the service-learning poster competition**

The Office of Service-Learning is hosting its second annual Poster Competition to highlight your service-learning experience and its impact on the community. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 21, 2011. First place prize is \$300, second place prize is \$200, and the third place prize is \$100. Guidelines are posted at [www.uab.edu/service-learning](http://www.uab.edu/service-learning).

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## **Graduate/Professional Students**

### **Nursing offers research writing course**

Graduate nursing students used to jotting notes on patient charts may face a tough re-entry when they start writing scholarly papers. In Spring 2011, a new 10-week online course — Writing and Reviewing Research GRD 727 QN — will offer writing coaching and instruction. Students leverage reading from core courses to work on real writing projects with peer and instructor feedback.

### **Teach for America applications due Friday**

Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and professionals — of all majors, backgrounds and career interests — who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural low-income communities and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity. Application deadline is Friday, Dec. 17. Salary and benefits available; information is online at [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org).

## **Timelines & Deadlines**

### **Apply to be a TrailBlazer**

UAB TrailBlazers work with the Office of Undergraduate Admission to make a positive first impression on our prospective students by conducting campus tours, making phone calls and participating in all on-campus events. Apply to be part of the 2011-12 TrailBlazer team at [www.uab.edu/trailblazers](http://www.uab.edu/trailblazers). Applications are due 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, to UBOB Room 123. Direct questions to Stephanie Thomas at [stthomas1@uab.edu](mailto:stthomas1@uab.edu) or 934-9012.

### **Open registration for spring**

Open registration for spring is under way. For more info, refer to the online Academic Calendar at [www.uab.edu/calendar](http://www.uab.edu/calendar) or [download the calendar](#).

### **Call for applications for research training program**

The UAB MHRC is now accepting applications for the Health Disparities Research Training Program 2011, taking place March 2011 to March 2012. Applications are due Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011. This interdisciplinary professional development program, designed to support scholars in developing a competitive grant proposal, will culminate in a pilot project based on the scholar's grant proposal. For more information, visit [www.uabmhrc.com](http://www.uabmhrc.com).

## **Campus Events**

### **Athletics: UAB Women's Basketball tonight**

[UAB Women's Basketball](#) will host ACC foe Clemson tonight at 7 p.m. [UAB Men's Basketball](#) also will host Alabama A&M Sunday, Dec. 19, VCU Tuesday, Dec. 21 and George Washington Monday, Dec. 27. All games will be played at Bartow Arena and will tip off at 7 p.m. For more information on Blazer sports, join UAB Gang Green on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

### **Living with Cancer series to meet Dec. 16**

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center believes that education is critical for patients with cancer and their family members. Through the free, monthly educational series, Living With Cancer, patients can learn from leading experts on topics related to living with cancer, such as cancer and nutrition, financial planning, health insurance, navigating the health care system, and many other key topics. The next meeting will be held at noon Thursday, Dec. 16 in The Kirklin Clinic Learning Resource Center.

### **Discussion Book Dialogue is Dec. 16**

Josh Carter, director of UAB's Study Away program, will present "An Interactive Simulation of Cross-Cultural Communication" at the UAB Discussion Book Dialogues at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 in Heritage Hall Building Room 549. For more information contact Juanita Sizemore at [jsizemor@uab.edu](mailto:jsizemor@uab.edu). This event is free and open to the public; a

light lunch will be served. A complete listing of UAB Discussion Book activities can be found at [www.uab.edu/discussionbook](http://www.uab.edu/discussionbook).

### **BFA student exhibit at UAB Gallery ends Friday**

Works by two BFA will be on show at the UAB Visual Arts Gallery through Dec. 17. The Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition Winter 2010 will feature works by Ashley Lindsey of Pell City and Mary Katherine Morris of Birmingham. Lindsey, who is focusing primarily in printmaking, will present a suite of four- and five-color lithographs as well as works from other media. Morris, who works in both painting and photography, will show a series of large-scale paintings and a selection of her photographs. The gallery is located at 900 13th St. South.

### **CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR LATEST EVENTS**

The UAB Campus Calendar at [www.uab.edu/calendar](http://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.

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