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February 2, 2021



Pledge your support to the Blazer family, Birmingham community with a gift to the Benevolent Fund

Help the Benevolent Fund meet its spring campaign goal of \$2 million and enable its continued support of the Blazer Kitchen, the Employee Emergency Assistance Program and other community partners. **Apply for, donate to tornado relief funds for UAB employees.**



Emergency Department names new chair

Marie-Carmelle Elie, M.D., will be the first Black woman to be named permanent chair of an emergency medicine department at a major U.S. medical school. Elie is triple board-certified in emergency medicine and critical care, hospice and palliative care medicine. Elie will officially assume the role of chair June 1.

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.

Coronavirus vaccine updates



UAB clarifies employee vaccination process

Knowing there would be great interest when the ADPH announced Friday that COVID vaccination Phase 1b was opening to the education sector, the university worked quickly to provide a way for all UAB employees to register interest in a vaccine. Scheduling vaccines will be more nuanced than the all-call registration process.

UAB partners with cities, JCDH, JeffCo EMA on appointment-only vaccination sites

In addition to its Margaret Cameron Spain Auditorium COVID-19 vaccine site, UAB soon will offer three appointment-only community vaccination sites in Jefferson County with a new location at Parker High School joining the Hoover Met and downtown UAB Hospital-Highlands site.



Can I still get COVID-19 after being vaccinated?

Simply put, the vaccine does not kill or destroy the virus if you are exposed; it trains your body to fight the virus so you do not get sick. While there is no hard data, the chances of getting and spreading the virus after being vaccinated are very low, says a UAB expert.

Myth-busting: Experts offer more vaccine facts and figures

The active ingredient in the vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna cannot cause COVID-19, cannot be inserted into human DNA and does not have the ability to cause cancer. These are a few of the myths dispelled by UAB experts in this piece.

Should pregnant women have the COVID-19 vaccine?

UAB experts say women who are pregnant or considering pregnancy should talk with a trusted health care provider about the best options for them and their family.



Pregnant doctor explains why she took the vaccine

Assistant Professor Jessica Grayson, M.D., received her first Pfizer vaccine dose at 21 weeks gestation. She explains her decision-making process for getting the COVID-19 vaccine and suggests ways to be informed about the risks and benefits.

Things to Know

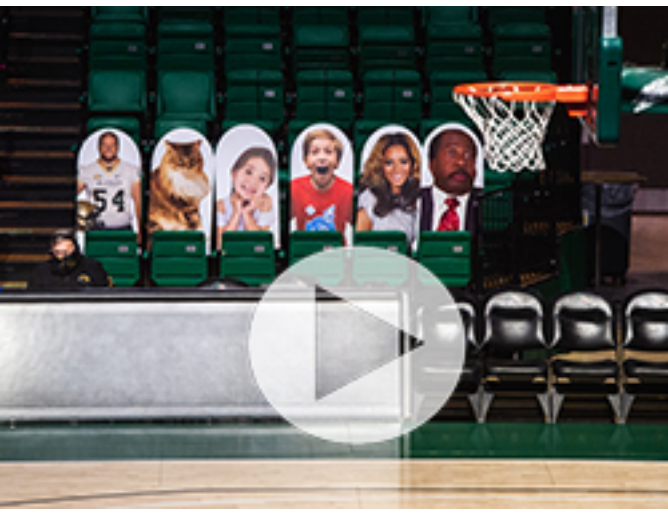


Check-in time: How are you doing on your 2021 goals?

Managers and employees are encouraged to have quarterly performance check-ins this year. Find out what to cover and how to access tools and resources to help.

Take charge of your development and your career in 2021

Build your brand, influence, resilience and more with new and returning series from Learning and Development, including Coaching Circles and a five-part training for new managers.



Basketball is serious about safety

All safety protocols are observed by players, coaches, officials and fans during basketball games. The only thing not safe in Bartow Arena is our opponents.

Make yoga part of your daily routine

Join a casual conversation about yoga and a gentle movement practice to release and explore yoga as an accessible practice for all bodies 6 p.m. Feb. 4 online.

Lectures and Learning



The truth — or fake news? Do the research yourself

There always have been conflicting narratives; but with the internet and social media, they now can reach many more people, says Distinguished Professor Timothy Levine, chair of Communication Studies. A good strategy for sifting fact from fiction is to be "a little Sherlock Holmes."

McKnight seminar to examine risk factors in cognitive decline

Rebecca Gottesman, M.D., Ph.D., professor of neurology and epidemiology, Hopkins Bayview Neurology, will present "Modifiable midlife risk factors for cognitive decline and dementia" noon Feb. 4 on Zoom.

Examine social determinants of health among adults with disabilities Feb. 5

Jae Kennedy, Ph.D., disability advocate and professor of health policy and administration at Washington State University, will present his findings of pervasive and significant differences in social determinants of health among adults with disabilities noon Feb. 5 on Zoom.

K12 RFA information session is Feb. 8

Learn more about ways the UAB K12 Career Development Program prepares early-career faculty with a doctorate for an independent career investigating heart, lung, blood or sleep disorders in persons living with HIV.

See the Global Health Case Competition final round Feb. 6

UAB students form multidisciplinary teams and propose innovative recommendations to a global health issue during this virtual competition 1:30-4 p.m. Feb. 6.

One more thing



Local parks played host to UAB's early intramural sports

Registration is open now for spring intramurals, many of which are played at UAB's Intramural Sports Complex — unlike in UAB's early years, when teams played outdoor sports at local parks before fields were built on campus.

Check the campus calendar for events

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