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Volunteers are making history in a parking lot. You can, too

Vaccine site volunteer Matt Windsor offers an insider's view of the great shot-in-the-arm



Limited time-off with pay may be available for employees to volunteer at vaccine sites

Faculty and staff in workgroups A and F may work some or part of their scheduled work hours assisting at COVID-19 vaccination sites — subject to supervisor's approval — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Review details online.



**US News awards high rankings** 

to UAB's online programs Five UAB online graduate programs improved their national rankings, and the institution's online bachelor's program ranked in the top 20 nationwide in the latest U.S. News & World Report Best Online Programs rankings.

#### 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.



Symptomatic vs. active sentinel testing: What is the difference?

Both are integral to preventing the spread of COVID-19, and it's important to choose the right option. Report any COVID-19 symptoms in your daily Healthcheck and schedule symptomatic testing at the UAB Hospital Highlands drive-thru site — for maximum safety of all those around you. Active sentinel testing through Verily is reserved for on-campus and hybrid employees; it monitors viral spread from asymptomatic carriers who might not know they are infected. Use this online flowchart to determine which test is right for you. Read FAQs about the testing processes. Watch President Ray Watts get a sentinel test.

### Things to Know



My Health Rewards offers rewards for making healthy choices

This past year, more than 2,000 employees logged enough healthy behaviors to receive a payout of \$50 or more. Activate your account and explore new ways to earn cash



Use this easy checklist to

prepare for severe weather

UAB has several resources that, when coupled with personal initiatives, can help keep you safe during bad weather.

 Apply for, donate to tornado relief funds for UAB employees

### Nominations for university awards due by March 3

Nominations are being accepted for several university awards. Submit faculty nominations for the President's Awards for Excellence in Teaching and the Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award and nominate a faculty, staff member or student for the President's Award for Excellence in Support of UAB and Shared Governance.

Faculty senate to meet Feb. 9

The UAB Faculty Senate will meet 7:30-9:15 a.m. Tuesday. Faculty will receive an email with Zoom link from their school's senate liaison. Topics scheduled include an update on budget & RCM model sliding path, School of Engineering status and vision, Benevolent Fund, innovations in information technology and IDEA evaluation of administrators.

### Research and discovery



**Tool will help scientists better** 

understand COVID-19

PAGER-CoV, created by genetics Professor Jake Chen, Ph.D., promises to be an important tool for finding therapies for COVID-19. The database is packed with nearly 12,000 pieces of genetic information on the virus that researchers and physicians can be used to tailor treatments.

Funding available for obesity and health disparities research

The Obesity Health Disparities Research Center is accepting applications for pilot funding for new initiatives related to obesity and health disparities. As many as three projects may be funded up to \$50,000. LOI is due March 5.

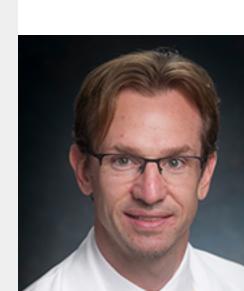
Shock center research proposals due Feb. 25

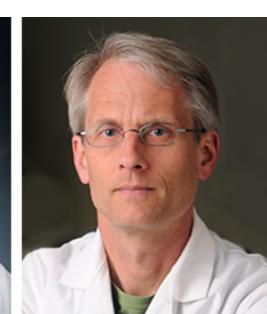
The UAB Nathan Shock Center in the Basic Biology of Aging is soliciting pilot project proposals for research focusing on the mechanistic hallmarks and/or energetics of aging and will provide up to \$25,000 per award. Contact the UAB Nathan Shock Center RDC before submitting an application.

## K12 information session is Feb. 8

Learn more about ways the UAB K12 Career Development Program prepares earlycareer faculty with a doctorate for an independent career investigating heart, lung, blood or sleep disorders in persons living with HIV. Funding also is available for postdoctoral fellow and early career faculty from under-represented groups in biomedical research.

## Lectures and learning







Darwin Day lecture to look behind the science of the pandemic

Physicians Nathan Erdmann, Paul Goepfert and Jeanne Marrazzo will discuss their work to coordinate UAB's COVID-19 treatment strategies, conduct clinical trials, lead safety initiatives and more in a seminar, "Behind the Science at UAB: Integrating Research and Medicine to Respond to the Pandemic," noon Feb. 12.



**Explore the effects of second**hand discrimination on the well-being of Black adults

sociology, will address the ways these experiences are potential barriers to achieving optimal health for Black Americans during the Haddin Forum noon Feb. 12. Registration is required.

Myles Moody, Ph.D., assistant professor of

### Lecture to examine exercise and vision Feb. 8 Jeffrey Boatright, Ph.D., professor of ophthalmology, Emory University School of

Medicine, will present "Exercise-Induced Retinal Neuroprotection" noon Feb. 8 on Zoom. Registration is required.

#### **Develop assessments, learning activities for courses** Learn about the course-design process and ways to develop assessments and engaging

learning activities that align with course and unit learning objectives during this workshop 10:30 a.m. Feb. 11.

### Register for rare disease genomics symposium Explore the use of next-generation technology to manage rare diseases during this free

Try career-mapping during a pandemic Feb.15

virtual symposium noon-5:15 p.m. Feb. 26. Register online at ChildrensAL.org/genetics.

#### Taking Charge of Your Career is a series of three interactive and educational sessions to introduce staff members to options for career growth and development. The first session,

"Career Mapping During a Pandemic," is scheduled noon Feb. 15.

# One more thing



In 1968, surgeon Arnold Diethelm performed the first kidney transplant in Alabama and

launched one of the largest and busiest renal transplant programs in the nation. Diethelm, who died Jan. 28, recounted the early challenges and successes of the program in this documentary. Memorials to his life and work can be directed to the UAB transplant fund or to the UAB Comprehensive Transplant Institute.

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