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Minnix to direct new Signature Core Curriculum

Associate Professor of English and Director of Freshman Composition Chris Minnix, Ph.D., is the new director of UAB's Signature Core Curriculum, a broad array of courses slated to launch in fall 2022.



Nominations being accepted for new UAB VIP Award

UAB's Employee of the Month program has been revamped to recognize staff who demonstrate at least one of the university's shared values. Submit one or more nominations online for the first quarter of 2021 by March 31.



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 support the Blazer Kitchen, the Employee Emergency Assistance Program and community partners.



FROM THE EXPERTS: Continue masking after second dose

Research is still underway to determine if asymptomatic transmission is possible after the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, says Sarah Nafziger, M.D. So it's important to continue wearing a mask after you're fully vaccinated in order to protect those around you. "It's just not worth the risk," she said.

Call for answers to your COVID-19 questions

The new UAB GuideSafe Hotline — 205-934-SAFE (7233) — is a single source for answers to common COVID-19 questions about testing, exposure, Healthcheck, isolation and more. Look for campus updates online at uab.edu/uabunited.

Things to Know



Watch, listen to Birmingham stories during Black History Month

Find out how a local DJ passed coded messages to protestors, what life was like in a company town, why Black workers flocked to Birmingham's steel mills and more in short films and oral histories from UAB students and faculty.



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 rewards.

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

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

Assess your finances during America Saves Week

UAB encourages a weeklong check-in on your finances during America Saves Week, Feb. 22-26. Visit UAB's America Saves page for daily blog posts, videos, tools and more, including a new Financial Wellness Webinar Series, "Saving for the Unexpected," to be led by EACC Financial Wellness Counselor Cecelia Boyd noon Feb. 23. Register online.

Get a discount on URec membership

Get a 25% discount — the equivalent of three free months — on an employee membership at URec when you pay in full for a year by March 31. Bring your ONE Card to the Membership Services desk and mention the deal or sign up online at uab.edu/urec with promo code SPRING25. All campus safety protocols are observed.

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.

Research and discovery



Biologist wins NSF EAGER grant for field work on microbials in the snow

Assistant Professor Stacy Krueger-Hadfield, Ph.D., received an early concept grant to develop novel tools for studying microbial population genetics using a species of snow algae — a closely related, single-celled algae that live on snow and glaciers.

ICAR pilot project proposals due Feb. 25

The Integrative Center for Aging Research is accepting high-quality competitive proposals on any topic related to aging and will provide up to \$25,000 per award. Priority will be given to early-stage investigators and established investigators seeking pilot funding for a new innovative research line.

Pilot funding available for obesity research

The Obesity Health Disparities Research Center is seeking applicants 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.

One more thing



Livestream a free concert with Eric Essix Group, Tracy Hamlin

"Dedication," a tribute to icons who made their mark in the cause of civil rights, music, sports and American culture, starts 7 p.m. Feb. 25. Reserve your place online.

Check the campus calendar for more events



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