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UAB names 2021 diversity champions

Three individuals and one student organization were honored with the 2021 President's Diversity Champion Award during a virtual ceremony Feb. 18.



Surgeon honored for integrity, leadership

George Yang, M.D., Ph.D., professor of surgery, is the inaugural recipient of the Society of University Surgeons Trailblazer Award. He was nominated by his peers for his sense of integrity, dedication and leadership in the promotion of Asians in the academic surgery setting.



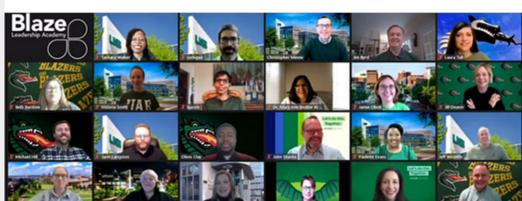
Historical lecture to examine the pandemic past and future

Professor Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., director of the UAB Division of Infectious Diseases, will present the Reynolds-Finley Historical Lecture, "The COVID Pandemic in 2021: Where Have We Been and What Can We Expect?" 4 p.m. Feb. 26.

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



Blaze Leadership Academy class begins, second class to come

Meet the latest class in UAB's flagship leadership development program for high-potential faculty and staff; nominations for fall 2021 will open this summer.



Stats show early, effective COVID vaccine reach into underrepresented communities

UAB's early results are better than the national average with Black communities, and it will continue to increase its outreach among underrepresented groups, says Sarah Nafziger, M.D., vice president of clinical operations for UAB Hospital.

Guidelines for compensating employees affected by COVID-19 revised as positive results decrease

The revised guidance explains the circumstances under which employees may continue to receive pay — and when they will be required to use benefit time — while they await test results, quarantine or recuperate.

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.

Nominations for university awards due by March 31

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.

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



Trial studying technique to clear 'brain fog' after COVID-19

Constraint-Induced Therapy, developed at UAB and used worldwide to help patients regain function after stroke, will be tested as therapy for patients with cognitive difficulties following COVID-19 infection.



Vaccine candidate tested here starts Phase I clinical trial

AdCOVID is a single-dose, intranasal COVID-19 vaccine candidate that needs no refrigeration. Preclinical testing led by Fran Lund, Ph.D., suggests it may elicit mucosal immunity at the linings of the nose and lungs and protect against infection and transmission.

Shock center research proposals due Feb. 25

The UAB Nathan Shock Center in the Basic Biology of Aging is soliciting pilot project research 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.

Lectures and Learning



Meet legendary musician, visiting professor Feb. 25

Attend an online meet-and-greet with the legendary keyboardist, music technologist and producer Greg Phillinganes 5 p.m. Feb. 25. Tune in to the live stream via the UAB Department of Music on Facebook or Strick City on Facebook, YouTube or Twitter.

Does social media contribute to race-based trauma?

Explore the effects of social media on race-based trauma, self-assessment/diagnosis and healing during ODEI's next Cultural Lens presentation 4 p.m. Feb. 23. The virtual event is free, but registration is required.

Get an intro to Quality Matters Feb. 24

Learn about UAB's QM initiative, the QM professional development opportunities available through UAB and about internal and official QM course review processes during an online workshop 9 a.m. Feb. 24.

Explore the intersection of public health, state policy Feb. 25

Learn more about the way bills become law in Alabama, public health professionals can inform policy development and citizens can engage leaders to create change during "Government Affairs & Public Health: Learning to Make an Impact," hosted by the Maternal & Child Health Student Association 5 p.m. Feb. 25.

UAB's first Black pediatrics residents to reflect, share insights

Paul Amamoo, M.D., Derrol Dawkins, M.D., and Iris Fancher, M.D., a few of the first Black residents in UAB's Department of Pediatrics, will share their experiences here and their careers in Alabama during a panel discussion 6 p.m. Feb. 25 on Zoom.

One more thing



Watch, listen to these city 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.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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