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Campus Highlights

[Ignite your Blazer flame with fall semester welcome events](#)

UAB is welcoming incoming students with two weeks of cookouts, expos, movie-screenings, service projects, concerts and more. Learn more [online](#) about many open-to-the public events that are part of "Ignite Your Inner Blazer Flame: UAB Welcome Fall 2011."

[Blackboard Mobile Learn has launched](#)

Blackboard Mobile Learn enables students and faculty to access teaching and learning — wherever and whenever they want. This free mobile app gives you the ability to check grades, create threaded discussion posts, comment on blogs and journals and manage course tasks wirelessly. Instructors also can post announcements — allowing them to communicate last-minute details and changes to students wherever they happen to be. For more information about Blackboard Mobile Learn, visit www.uab.edu/bblearn.

[UAB Football Fan Day ☐ plan now for fun on Aug. 27](#)

UAB Blazer fans can look forward to a day of fun Saturday, Aug. 27 during the annual Football Fan Day and the Blazer Boosters Auction. The fun starts in the Riverchase Galleria's food court area from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Eighth Annual Blazer Boosters Auction will be held at the UAB National Alumni Society House at 6 p.m. Tickets to auction are \$100. For more information on the auction, contact Mandi Alexander in the Blazer Boosters Office at 996-9969.

[New women's bowling team to hold tryouts](#)

The newly formed UAB women's bowling program will hold walk-on tryouts from Sept. 6-9 at Vestavia Bowl. Interested participants should contact UAB bowling coach Michelle Crews by Aug. 30 for more information at mcrews@uab.edu or 975-3290 or 532-8450. The Blazer Bowling team will compete for the first time in the 2011-12 season that begins in October.

[Get prepared to study abroad](#)

About 240 UAB students will head off to places like Antarctica, Costa Rica and China this year, all in hopes of learning about different cultures, languages, religions and more. For many students, at UAB and elsewhere, this will be their first international trip. Josh Carter, director of the [Office for Study Away](#), offers tips for a successful journey.

[Introducing the International Studies Club](#)

The College of Arts & Sciences' International Studies Club sets the stage for its members to discuss their ideas about world events. With UAB's incredibly diverse population, we are interested in developing an outlet for students with creative ideas — we want your ideas.

Questions?

Direct questions about GreenMail to greenmail@uab.edu or 205-975-5533.

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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.

UAB freshmen make the move to college life

This past Saturday, more than 1,100 freshmen, along with their belongings, moved into their new home away from home on the UAB campus. See how everything came together as hundreds of volunteers, parents and students helped make move-in day a success on this week's BlazerCast at www.youtube.com/uabnews.

Information

Be Seen in Green and show your true colors

"Be Seen in Green" is the USGA initiative to increase school spirit and show your support of UAB. "Be Seen in Green" shirts can be purchased in the Barnes and Noble at UAB Bookstore for \$10. Also, \$1 of each sale goes to support another USGA initiative, the Emergency Student Loan Program.

Sterne Library boasting longer hours

In response to student requests, the library will continue to open at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and now will be open until 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. Sterne Library's first floor North Wing will be available all times the library is open. After midnight, the circulation desk will continue to provide services. Group study rooms, individual study areas, computers, WiFi, printers, copiers and browsing periodicals will be available at all hours. The library will continue its current schedule for Friday and Saturday, except during exams. You can always see the week's hours on the Sterne Library home page at www.mhsl.uab.edu.

New student health-coverage options available this fall

Student Health Services is now providing two new student health-coverage options for UAB students under a new rate structure. Tier I provides full SHS coverage plus enhanced online medical clearance services. Tier II covers medical clearance services only. Both options require automatic hospitalization insurance unless proof of insurance is provided by student. Visit www.uab.edu/studenthealth for more details, including the students who are required to purchase Tier I and Tier II.

Aikido at UAB to present free introductory classes

Aikido at UAB will present free introductory classes Sept. 1-29. Aikido, a modern Japanese martial art with deep roots in Samurai tradition, is an excellent way for you to reach your fitness goals or for self-defense training. UAB employees, students and alumni are welcome. Classes will be held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center. More information is online at www.utsusemiaikikai.com. Aikido at UAB and Utsusemi Aikikai are affiliated with Aikido Schools of Ueshiba (ASU).

The UAB University Chorus wants you

The UAB University Chorus is a large, non-auditioned ensemble open to all in the UAB community - an opportunity for students who may wish to continue singing, but may not have the time to devote to an auditioned choral ensemble. The choir will present two concerts each semester. To participate, register for University Chorus, MU 210. For more information, contact Brian Kittredge at briank@uab.edu or 975-2599.

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.

Graduate/Professional Students

UAB Young Alumni Chapter host cocktail mixer Aug. 25

The UAB National Alumni Society Young Alumni Chapter invites young alumni (age 30 and under) to a Networking Cocktail Mixer from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 at the UAB National Alumni Society House. Enjoy complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Be sure to bring a good supply of your business cards for networking with other young professionals! Call 934-3555 or email awallace@uab.edu by Aug. 23 to RSVP.

Grad students still have time to register

Graduate students still have time to late register — until Aug. 23 — for elective credit (pass-no pass) courses in research communications offered by the Professional Development Program in the UAB Graduate School. Three courses, GRD 720, GRD 721 and GRD 726, might have special appeal for newly-arrived international students and post-doctoral fellows.

Grad students: The Professional Development Program is for you

How can grad students speed time to degree and boost research productivity? By upgrading their research communications skills with carefully chosen elective courses. That's why the Professional Development Program in the UAB Graduate School offers graduate-level, credit courses in everything from grant writing to becoming an effective teaching assistant. This innovative program turns 20 years old this fall. Find out how it was developed, what faculty say about it, and what it offers graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in the way of elective credits to support their academic and career development.

Improve your research with project management techniques

The UAB School of Business' highly successful Project Management course now is open to all graduate students (MBA 618 in [BlazerNET](#)). The course offers excellent instruction in project management and is perfect for researchers managing clinical trials as well as health care executives (and future health care executives). This is a hybrid online course with optional face-to-face Saturday sessions starting Aug. 16, after which students are qualified to take an exam for the Project Management Institute's Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. Register now on [BlazerNET](#) (MBA 618).

KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE GreenMail?

[GreenMail](#) is automatically sent to all student with a BlazerID, but anyone who subscribes can receive news and information about UAB in their e-mail box each week. Just send a blank email to greenmail-subscribe-request@listserv.uab.edu, and we'll take care of the rest.

Timelines & Deadlines

Leadership Foundations apps due Aug. 31

Leadership Foundations is an exceptional opportunity for you

to develop your leadership skills, add to your resume, increase your involvement on campus, and make a noticeable difference at UAB and in the surrounding community. Applications can be found online and are due by 5 p.m. Aug. 31. Visit HUC 440 or email uableadership@uab.edu for more info.

Want to join a book club? Deadline is Sept. 1

The Leadership Guild Book Club is looking for members. Join faculty, staff and students in reading *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. The group meets Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. The first 10 students to sign up will receive a free copy of the book. For more info, call 934-8020 or email uableadership@uab.edu.

Aaron Lamar Jr. Scholarship apps due Sept. 16

Applications for the Aaron Lamar Jr. Scholarship are available now in HUC Rooms 110, 133, 136 or 440 and are due Sept. 16 to HUC Room 133. Applicants must have demonstrated active participation and leadership in extracurricular and community activities.

Campus Events

Part-time Job Fair to be held today

UAB Career Services is hosting a Part-Time Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 in the HUC Great Hall. Representatives from more than 35 companies will be on-hand for UAB students and alumni to speak with concerning available positions. Come early and bring your campus card for entry.

University Optometric Group to host Open House Aug. 18

The University Optometric Group will host an Open House from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 18, giving the UAB community the opportunity to meet the practitioners at the UOG. Enter the drawing to win sunglasses, tickets to the Alys Stephens Center, a year's supply of contact lenses and more.

World DMC Champ DJ Shiftee set to rock UAB Aug. 18

UAB students can get cool and back to school when world-renowned disc jockey DJ Shiftee visits campus for a free lecture, followed by an outrageously cool outdoor scratch demonstration at UAB's Visual Arts Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18.

Physical Therapy students ask: Are U ABle?

If you can walk, run or ride, then you are able to take part in the UAB Physical Therapy students' fifth annual "Are U ABle?" 5K and one-mile fun run/walk/ride race, Saturday, Aug. 20 at Homewood High School. The second-year physical therapy students hold the race each year to raise money for the Foundation for Physical Therapy. The 5k race begins at 7:30 a.m., and the one-mile fun run/walk and wheelchair race start at 8:30 a.m. All racers will receive a T-shirt and prizes will be. Race details and registration are available at www.areuable.org. Music, food and entertainment will follow the race.

Lister Hill to host Health Fest 2011

Don't miss Health Fest 2011 at Lister Hill Library Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get your vision checked and dental and hearing screenings. Get tested for HIV and sickle cell blood disease and see CPR demos. Find out what your blood pressure is and take the DPA Heart Health test. Take part in acupuncture graphing and donate to the blood drive. See cooking demonstrations and enjoy light refreshments.

Check www.uab.edu/lister/events to see the complete list of health fair participants and vendors. For more information, call 934-2230.

Get connected at the Civic Engagement Fair Aug. 22-23

Want to make a difference in the community but don't know how or where to start? Make plans to drop by UAB's Civic Engagement Fair to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 22-23 in the HUC lobby and learn about volunteer organizations and opportunities in the Birmingham area.

Orientation for Blazer Backers to be held Aug. 24

Blazer Backers are a group of UAB students who serve as host for prospective student athletes when they visit the UAB campus or a UAB home football game. They have firsthand knowledge of UAB campus life and all of the exciting things going on around Birmingham. Orientation for the group will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 24 in Bartow Arena's Green & Gold Room and tryouts will be held Aug. 29-31. Direct questions to Mack Ingram at 996-7820 or macking@uab.edu.

Windows to the World event set for Aug. 27

The UAB World Student Association along with United Nations Association-USA Greater Birmingham Chapter is organizing an international, cultural fundraising event Aug. 27 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the UAB Bell Theatre. The minimum donation for adults is \$10; students with ID and children under 12 will be admitted for \$5. Proceeds will support student enrichment programs in schools and colleges in Birmingham. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. Direct questions to meghantipre@gmail.com.

CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR LATEST EVENTS

The UAB Campus Calendar at 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.

Need More Information?

The Division of Student Affairs can provide more information on a variety of student activities, services and facilities, including registration, academic advising, scholarships, financial aid, on-campus housing, food service, career services, student support services, counseling, student life and services for international scholars and students. Call 205-934-4175.