

July 7, 2023



“A monumental day for the UAB Department of Athletics”

UAB officially joined the American Athletic Conference on July 1, along with five other schools: Charlotte, Florida Atlantic, North Texas, Rice and UTSA. The AAC is now a 14-team league. UAB was a member of Conference USA for 28 years; the AAC move will rekindle old rivalries with Memphis, Tulane, East Carolina, USF and more.

Watch: Birmingham mayor Randall Woodfin narrates this video celebrating the UAB to AAC move.

See Birmingham landmarks bathed in green to celebrate the conference transition.



3 chosen as UAB VIPs for second-quarter 2023

Kayla Evans, Damian Schwartz and Brigitte Vola are the second-quarter 2023 honorees of the UAB Shared Values in Action Program, which honors those whose work exemplifies and embodies Forging the Future's shared values.



Fatal crashes rose in Alabama over the past 3 years

Despite fewer drivers on Alabama roadways and a decline in injuries per accident, deadly collisions rose from 2020 through 2022, according to a new study by UAB epidemiologists. This is the first study to examine how crash-related mortality rates changed over the course of the pandemic.



Celebrating outstanding patient care

UAB Hospital was one of only three statewide to earn a 2023 Outstanding Patient Experience Award from Healthgrades. Each month, UAB Medicine celebrates employees whose excellence has been noted by patients. [Read the latest raves on UAB Medicine's employee website.](#)

More news online

Get campus news at uab.edu/reporter and uab.edu/news. Check the [Campus Calendar](#) for more events on campus, and submit your own. If you have news you want to share, use the [Request Publicity form](#) online.

Things to know



Join Google executives and AI experts for focus groups July 25

UAB IT will host executive leaders from Google and AI experts for a series of meetings on artificial intelligence and its potential for academics, research and medicine. Meetings will be held in Heritage Hall 104 and online via Zoom.

- Academics - 9:00 a.m.
- Research - 10:00 a.m.
- Medicine - 11:00 a.m.

Save money on goods and services with UAB Perks

Employees can get discounts at venues such as the Georgia Aquarium and from retailers and service providers through the UAB Perks program. [See a full list online.](#)

What's the latest from the Staff Council?

Sign up for the Staff Council [newsletter](#) and check out recordings, minutes and resources from recent meetings in this [Box folder](#).

Applications for Faculty Fellows close soon

The Office of Service Learning and Undergraduate Research is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 Faculty Fellows cohort, a one-year program that helps faculty members develop a research- or service-based curriculum, and provides a \$1,500 stipend to support course development. [Apply by July 15.](#)

Research & learning



Update on Childhood Vaccines: Getting Ready for School

David Kimberlin, M.D., will explore the history of vaccines, what we learned about vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the importance of understanding why we should be vaccinated.

noon-1 p.m., July 13
 virtual
[Register online](#)



Nutrition, Fueling & Hydration

Marissa Bello, Ph.D., visiting instructor in the School of Education, will discuss macronutrients, hydration drinks, fueling for training and competition, and more.

noon-1 p.m. July 18
 virtual
[Register online](#)



Looking for a way to reduce stress and improve well-being?

Employees seeking to prioritize well-being and mitigate anxiety can try journaling with the UAB Journaling Club.

10:30 a.m.-noon July 19
 virtual
[Register online](#)

Learn to use the Quality Matters Rubric

Discover how to use the Quality Matters Rubric to review online and blended course design during two half-day virtual workshops 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 19-20. Attendance at both sessions is required for credit; [register online.](#)

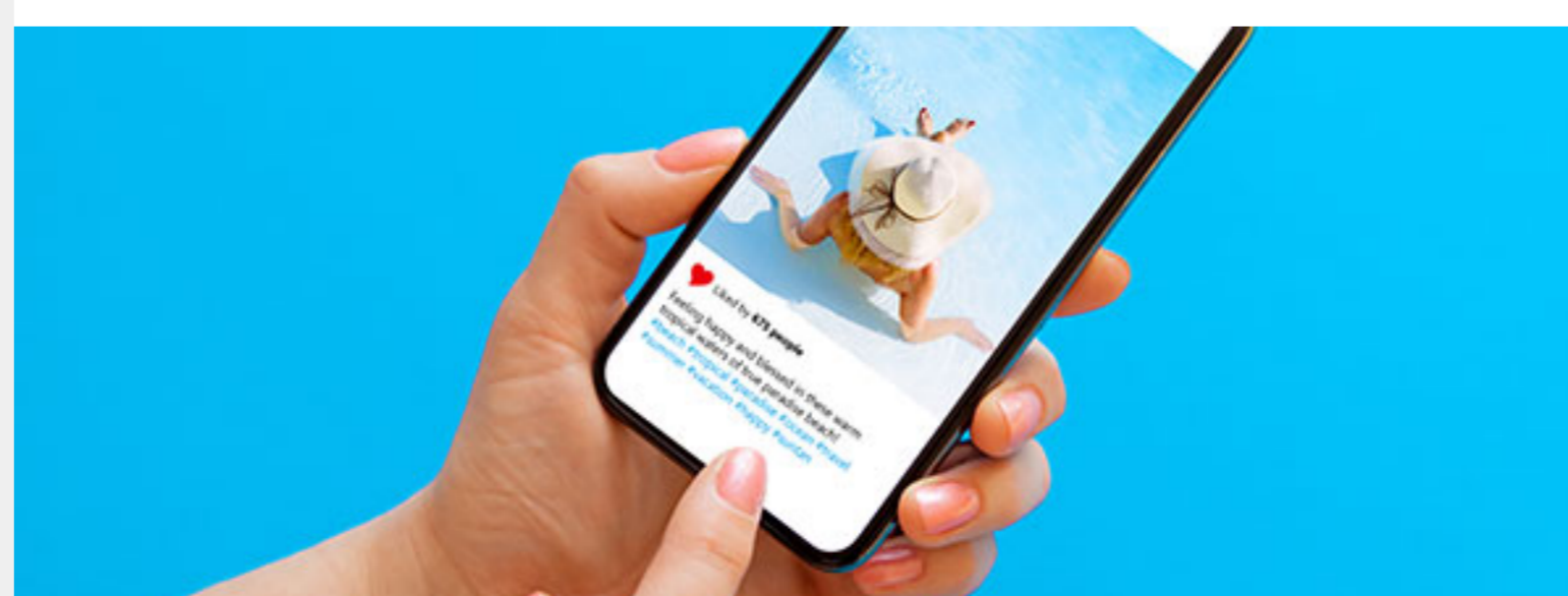
Homelessness in Birmingham
 Guests will discuss local efforts to reduce the rate of people living without shelter and organizations offering ongoing support in real time.

noon July 17
 virtual
[Register online](#)

5th Annual IP Symposium: Elevating the Patient Experience Through Interprofessional Collaboration
 Learn how to connect interprofessional education and practice at UAB and beyond.

July 28
 Nursing 1054
[Buy tickets online \(\\$20 for employees\)](#)

One more thing



Use these tips to protect yourself from travel scams

Make sure your summer vacation does not become a travel nightmare with advice from online security expert Ragib Hasan, Ph.D., on the latest tricks and how to avoid them.

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