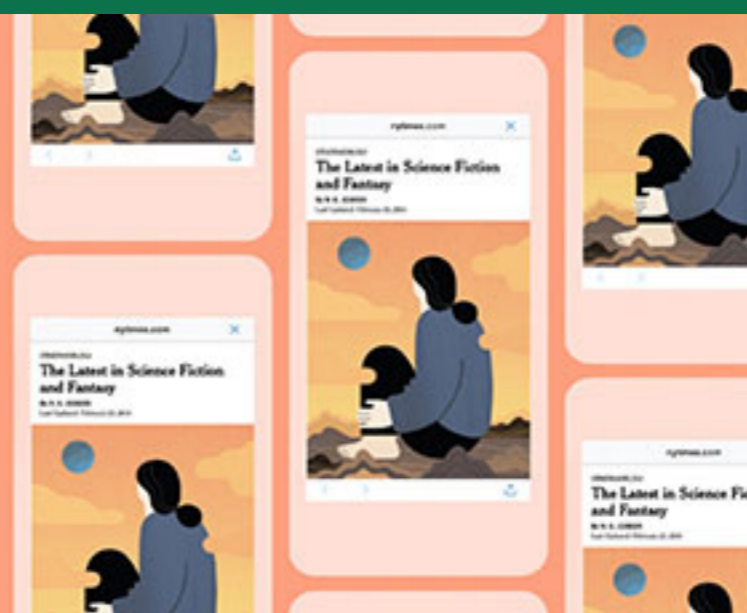


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### Alesia Jones' story shows how HR can change lives

During her long tenure, our former head of Human Resources expanded leave and streamlined benefits access for all Blazers — helping make UAB one of America's best places to work. Today, she is paying it forward for current students. Find out how.



### 9 faculty elevated to Distinguished, University professorships

The UA System Board of Trustees awarded the rank of Distinguished Professor to eight and the rank of University Professor to one faculty member during its April and June meetings.



### Is your colleague a ☆?

Do you know an employee whose work exemplifies and embodies one of UAB's shared values — integrity, stewardship, collaboration, accountability, respect, excellence and achievement, and diversity and inclusiveness? Nominees for the third-quarter VIP Award are due Aug. 23.

### More news online

Get campus news at [uab.edu/reporter](http://uab.edu/reporter) and [uab.edu/news](http://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

#### Make your voice heard in the UAB Research Strategic Initiative

Faculty and staff members involved in research at UAB are invited to participate in a brief survey to gather your thoughts to identify strategic research priorities and areas where our research infrastructure can be strengthened. **Respond by July 28.** Learn more about the UAB Research Strategic Initiative.



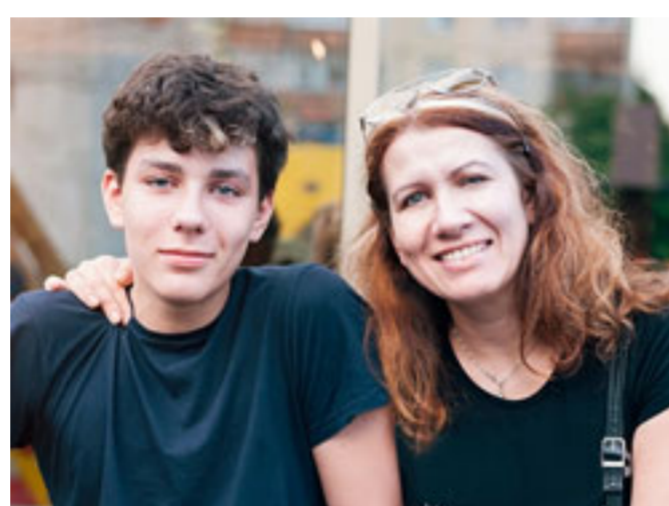
#### In an emergency, who is there for you?

To ensure UAB is able to contact the right person in moments of illness, injury or other crises, employees are encouraged to add or update their emergency contacts through the myUAB portal. This information will only be used in the event of an emergency. Step-by-step instructions are here.



#### Start your path to a business graduate degree in July

Application fees are waived this month for all domestic (in-state and out-of-state) applicants to graduate programs at the Collat School of Business, including accounting, MBA, MIS and MBA dual degrees. [Details online.](#)



#### Are you a caregiver, veteran or parent of a teen?

The EACC has created collections of online tools, articles, training opportunities, support groups and more to help employees with day-to-day obligations outside the workplace. Visit [uab.edu/codeblaze](http://uab.edu/codeblaze) and click on the Code Blaze Toolkits tab.

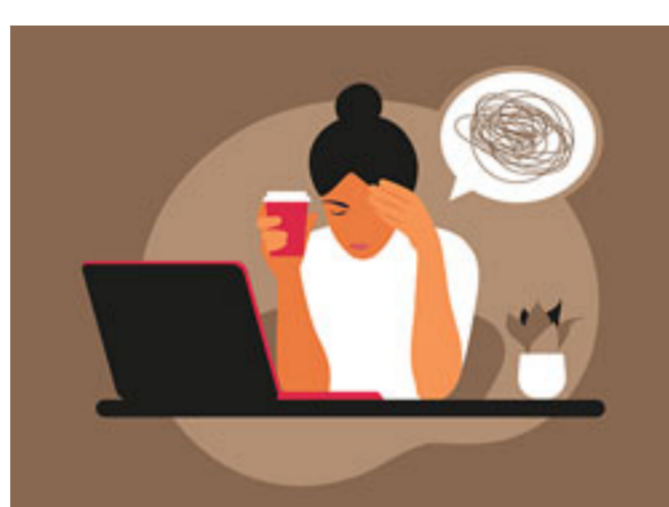
### Blazer achievements



#### When nosebleeds are a warning

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia, or HHT, is an uncommon but serious genetic disease that can lead to stroke, heart failure and serious bleeding, most often from the nose. The UAB HHT Clinic, which provides specialized care for patients from childhood through adulthood, was recently named a Center of Excellence by Cure HHT.

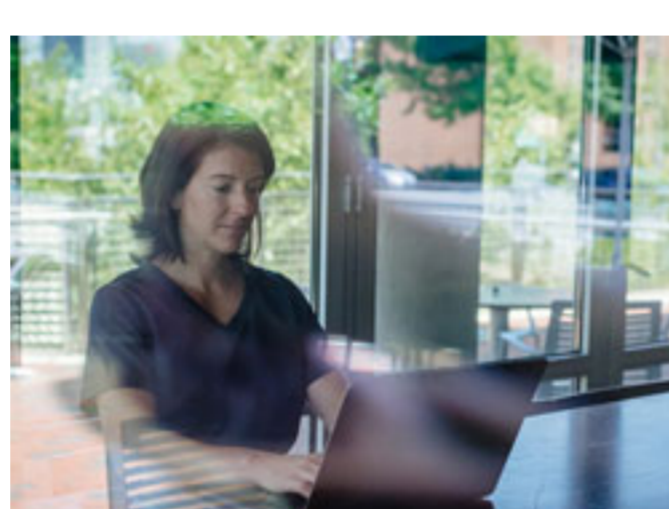
### Research & learning



#### Find new satisfaction at work

Staff can learn strategies to reignite joy in their jobs and lives in *Beating the Burnout*, the first in a series of quarterly sessions.

📍 noon July 27  
📍 virtual  
📅 [Details online](#)



#### From disaster to email master

Become more productive and reduce the stress of email and calendar management in this "micro-learning" series focusing on feature and tools in Microsoft Outlook.

📍 11 a.m. July 31  
📍 virtual  
📅 [Register online](#)



#### Are machine learning tools helping or harming your literature review?

This seminar explores how AI can help with literature management — and the ethical considerations that come with the tools.

📍 11 a.m. Aug. 2  
📍 LHL 4th floor atrium  
📅 [Register online](#)

#### Get funding for projects studying social determinants of health in cancer

UAB's Center for Cancer Control in Persistent Poverty Areas, Minority Health & Health Equity Research Center and O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center are accepting applications for pilot and feasibility studies related to disparities across the cancer control continuum, from prevention to survivorship. Letters of intent for project funding up to \$98,000 are due July 27. [Read the full RFA online.](#)

#### CWRH Seminar: Endometrial Cancers

Megan Clarke, Ph.D., Earl Stadtman Investigator at the National Cancer Institute, will present "New Directions in Prevention and Early Detection of Endometrial Cancers with a Focus on Reducing Cancer Disparities."

📍 12:30 p.m. July 28  
📍 virtual  
📅 [Register online](#)

#### Call for submissions: 2023 Dorothy Oliver and Drucilla Russ-Jackson Vaccine Lecture and Symposium

UAB trainees can submit 250-word abstracts by Sept. 10 to be considered for an oral presentation. The half-day symposium and poster session features keynote speaker Sabra Klein, Ph.D., from Johns Hopkins University.

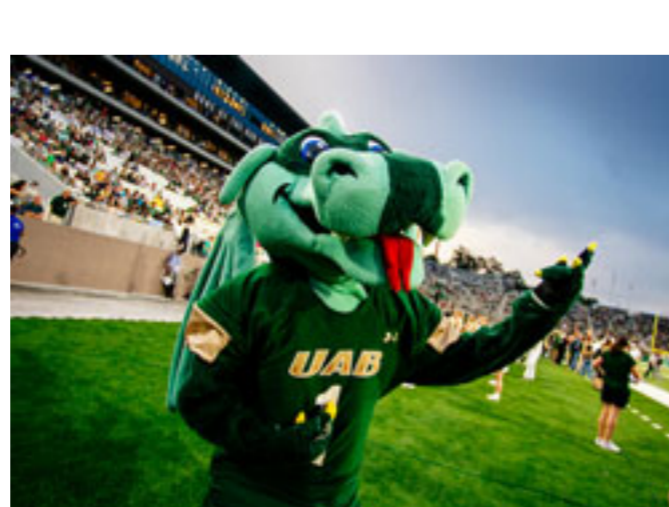
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### Mark your calendars



#### Get inspired, meet other writers at SPARK Writing Festival

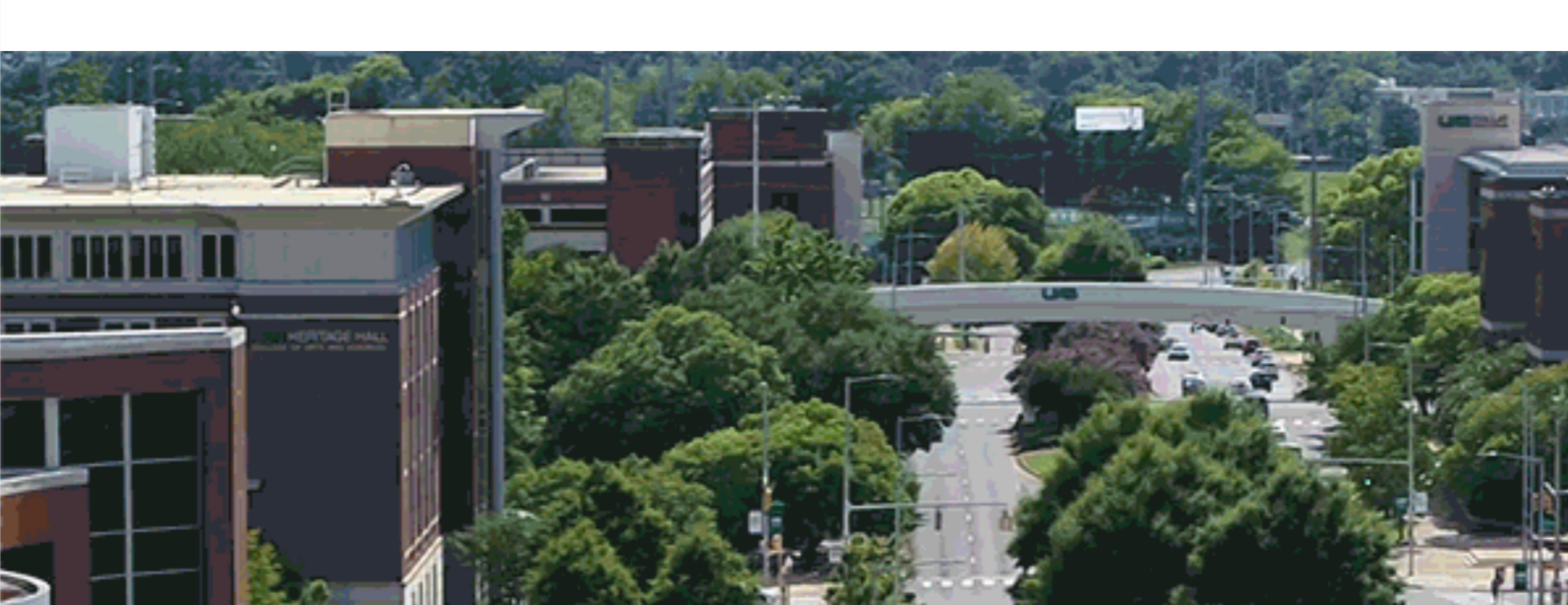
This five-day creative writing initiative by the Department of English is designed to spark inspiration and bring writers together through in-person and virtual craft talks, immersive workshops, community events and more. Both free and ticketed workshops and sessions are available.



#### Tailgate with fellow Blazer alumni this football season

Season and single-game tailgate passes are available for the 2023 Alumni Tailgate, hosted on the rooftop of Uptown Cantina at 2301 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N. in the Uptown entertainment district during every UAB Football home game. Buy passes [online](#).

### One more thing



#### See campus from a new perspective

In the latest Humans of UAB on Instagram, the university's official drone videographer shares video from his flights and a glamor shot of his amazing flying machine.

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