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NIH selects UAB's Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo as new director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., director of UAB's Division of Infectious Diseases, has been selected to succeed Anthony Fauci, M.D., as NIAID director this fall. "During the COVID pandemic, Jeanne served as a trusted advisor and friend who gave us the insights, guidance and confidence that allowed our institution to thrive in spite of immense challenges," President Watts said. [Read more about Marrazzo's new role.](#)



Once again, UAB Hospital named among America's leaders

In addition to taking top honors for the state according to the 2023-24 rankings from U.S. News & World Report, eight of UAB Hospital's adult specialties are ranked among the best in the nation.



New Collat dean finds purpose in education's mission

Christopher Shook, Ph.D., who became the seventh dean of the Collat School of Business last month, explains his research, his journey to education from a rural Colorado childhood, and his focus on making a difference for students.



Tour this UAB spinoff's multimillion-dollar research lab

The new IN8bio R&D facility at Pepper Place is the hub of scientific operations for a company developing novel cellular therapies for cancer.

More news online

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Things to know



How can AI help UAB meet its goals in student success, advancement and institutional operations?

University Relations and UAB IT will host a team from Salesforce Aug. 8 for three meetings open to faculty and staff.

- Student Success & AI:** Learn how Salesforce tools can benefit UAB in academic advising and student affairs. Breakfast will be provided. Register only if you plan to attend in person.
 - 📍 8:00 a.m. Heritage Hall room 102 or on Zoom
- AI Advancement:** Learn how Salesforce tools such as chatbots and Einstein can help optimize advancement.
 - 📍 1 p.m. Cudworth Auditorium or on Zoom
- AI Institutional Operations:** Learn how Salesforce tools can optimize UAB operations, with use cases such as the World Games ticket distribution and COVID-19 visitor dashboard.
 - 📍 2:45 p.m. Cudworth Auditorium or on Zoom



Chatham is new Center for Teaching and Learning director

Amy Chatham, Ph.D., who currently serves as assistant dean for undergraduate education in the School of Public Health, will begin her new role Aug. 18.

Faculty Senate meets Aug. 8

Tom Brannan, vice president for Advancement and Strategic Initiatives, and Chandni Khadka, project director for Strategic Initiatives, will discuss UAB's plan for continued growth in the university research enterprise. In addition, Karthik Gopalakrishnan, Ph.D., director of Licensing and New Ventures at UAB's Harbert Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, will present on intellectual property and opportunities offered at the institute. The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m.; [join online](#).

Nominations open for Ingalls lifetime achievement award

The Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching is presented to a full-time faculty member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to teaching for 20 or more years. Nominations are due Aug. 31 to sami@uab.edu; see [details online](#).

How I spent my summer...



Bringing Blazer pride to Miss Alabama

Emma Terry, an accounting student in the Collat School of Business, was crowned Miss UAB in November 2022. In July, she took home first alternate at the Miss Alabama competition. Watch Terry explain how she represented UAB at Miss Alabama and hear about the family connection that led her to advocate for ALS research on Instagram.



Sharing sweet music around the world

The UAB Gospel Choir visited London and Wales in May and June for a series of performances, including one broadcast live on Welsh national television. Meanwhile, the UAB Jazz quintet traveled to Colombia for a two-week performance and teaching tour from June 11-24. "International touring is an important part of a UAB musical education, and we are grateful to be back," said Patrick Evans, chair of the Department of Music.



Seeing how simple tech can save lives

In May, the UAB Sparkman Center for Global Health took students on its first field training course since the COVID pandemic. The two-week course at the 176-acre campus of the Southern Institute for Appropriate Technology in Lineville, Alabama, introduces students to technologies that can combat malnutrition.



Translating good advice into national recognition

Victoria Jones Howard, academic advisor for biology majors up to 74 hours in the College of Arts and Sciences, was one of eight advisors nationwide selected to receive the Outstanding New Advisor award from the National Academic Advising Association. Jones will travel to the association's annual conference in Orlando in October.

Mark your calendars



Managers: Prep for performance reviews here

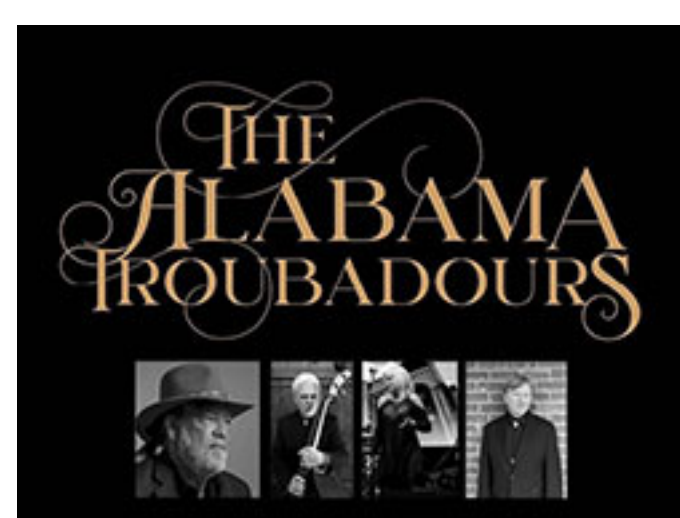
Learn about planning, giving feedback and action steps, and get recommendations on conversations in this virtual offering.

📍 9:00 a.m. Aug. 10
📍 virtual
📍 Register online



Explore the great outdoors with UAB Adventure Recreation

Go rafting in the Smokies, learn to snorkel in Pelham, take a backpacking trip to the Sipsey Wilderness, spend a week in the Florida Everglades and more with UAB Adventure Recreation. Trips are scheduled through December 2023; see a full list of dates and costs and register online. 📍



Alabama Troubadours: The Music of John Prine

A must-see for Prine fans, this is the first event in the Alys Stephens Center's fall 2023 season. Alabama Troubadours features a stellar lineup of veterans from acts such as Rollin In The Hay, Telluride, Phil And Foster, Wet Willie and The Thieves.

📍 6 p.m. Aug. 20
📍 ASC Sirote Theatre
📍 Buy tickets

Register for the 2023 CCTS Training Symposium

This two-and-a-half day learning event, held Sept. 27-29 in Biloxi, Mississippi, gathers exceptional scholars and professionals of all levels of the translational career arc from across the Tri-State CCTS Partner Network. Structured training sessions and workshops are administered by subject matter experts who bring a wealth of knowledge. See [details](#) and register online.

One more thing



Kids are going back to school. What is safe to share online?

There are few things more adorable than a "first day of school" photo on Instagram, but parents should be careful about what they post on social media, according to Marvin Hart, crime prevention manager for UAB's Department of Police and Public Safety. Get Hart's advice on social media posts, putting your child's name on their backpack, handling the transition from preschool to elementary school and more.

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