

August 8, 2023



Vacation and holiday policies have been updated, and two additional holidays are designated this year

December 26 and Jan. 2 are added as designated holidays this year, while a policy change as of Oct. 1, 2023, means eligible employees in their six-month probationary period can use accrued vacation time and three personal days with supervisor approval. Details online.



These loans can be lifelines

Full-time students can get fast loans up to \$300 from UAB's Regions Institute for Financial Education to help with unexpected loss of income, housing or medical issues, and more.



Summer commencement ceremonies are Aug. 11 🎓

Nearly 1,500 students will walk in the ceremonies on Friday. The graduate ceremony is at 10 a.m., and the undergraduate ceremony is 3 p.m., both in Bartow Arena. Find more info online. The mace will be carried in both ceremonies by Joe L. March, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Chemistry.



40-year-old study gets another decade

A UAB team led by James M. Shikany, DrPH, Oberman Endowed Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine, has received a 10-year renewal as the coordinating center for the long-running CARDIA study.

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



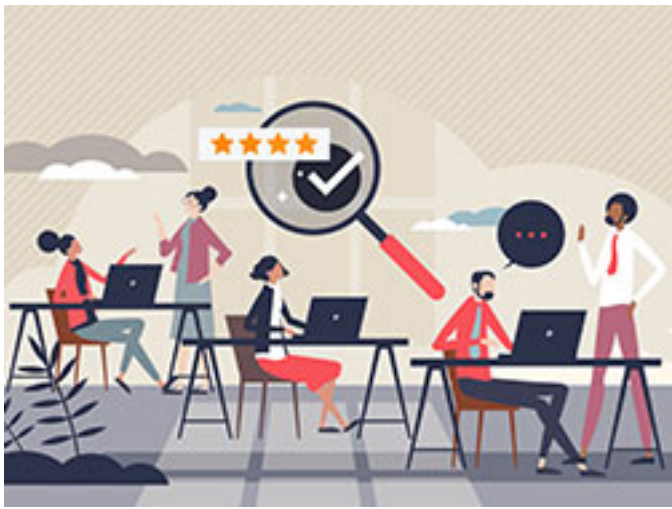
What a new building means for physics students

State-of-the-art facilities at the new Science and Engineering Complex, opening Aug. 17, will prepare students for major areas of economic development, including advanced materials, computation and photonics, says Physics Chair Ilias Perakis, Ph.D.

Faculty Senate meets today

Agenda includes discussion of plans for continued research growth and a presentation on intellectual property. The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m.; [join online](#).

Research & learning



Managers: Prep for performance reviews here

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

🕒 9 a.m. Aug. 10 (also offered Sept. 14)
📍 virtual
📅 [Register online](#)

New to Canvas or need a refresher? Bookmark these classes

eLearning will hold seven Canvas Basics workshops in August, each virtual and starting at 11 a.m. eLearning also is offering one-on-one virtual training Aug. 16-23. Register for a time [here](#).

- Intro to Canvas for Instructors, Aug. 14
- Copy and Update, Aug. 15
- Designing with Modules, Aug. 18
- Assignments and Speedgrader, Aug. 28
- Canvas Discussions, Aug. 29
- Gradebook, Aug. 30
- New Quizzes, Aug. 31



Mark your calendars



Get fired up for Blazer football 🏈 🦁

The 2023 UAB Football season is fast approaching — UAB opens the season against North Carolina A&T 7 p.m. Aug. 31 at Protective Stadium. Check these boxes to make sure you're ready to cheer on the Blazers:

- Buy your single-game tickets or season tickets and parking passes online — ticket packages start at \$99, and single-game tickets start at \$20
- Buy passes for the 2023 Alumni Tailgate every home game on the rooftop at Uptown Cantina
- Plan ahead for Homecoming Week Oct. 29-Nov. 4 — think the Gurney Derby, the Homecoming Parade and more, culminating with UAB Football vs. Florida Atlantic Nov. 4 at Protective
- And don't miss out on other themed home games:
 - Sept. 16 vs. Louisiana — Kids Takeover Day/Extra Yard for Teachers and Smile-a-Mile game
 - Oct. 7 vs. USF — Family Weekend/Children's Harbor game
 - Oct. 21 vs. Memphis — Battle for the Bones
 - Nov. 18 vs. Temple — Salute to Service/Senior Day



Summer fun: Legacy Family Day 2022 is Aug. 13 ❤️

Join the National Alumni Society for Legacy Family Day — there will be photo ops with Blaze, water slides, face-painting, snacks and more. Tickets are \$5; registration is required.

One more thing

Here's how to navigate the Campus Calendar like an expert

UAB's Campus Calendar is the go-to hub to find events happening on campus. Get tips on how to submit events, find and set reminders for things you're interested in, see what's trending across UAB and more.