

August 18, 2023



### For the first time, pig kidneys demonstrate ‘life-sustaining kidney function’ in a human

The UAB study, performed in a pre-clinical human model, is the first to show that transplanted pig kidneys can clear creatinine and that a standard immunosuppression regimen may be sufficient.



### Senior leaders share their summer reading lists

Hold better meetings, avoid cognitive blind spots, laugh or just be swept away by a great story. The fall semester may be right around the corner, but there’s always time to pick up a good book.



### UAB among nation's first to offer new chronic pain therapy

The device stimulates the spinal cord in real time to provide long-term relief, adjusting its electrical output 50-100 times per second to minimize time outside the therapeutic window. UAB Hospital is among the first in the United States to offer this new treatment.



### Demolition of Ice House requires temporary road closure

Beginning Aug. 19 at 6 a.m., 22nd Street South will be closed to thru traffic between 4th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South to safely demolish the Ice House building. Traffic will be rerouted until the demolition is complete in approximately four months. This map will help you plan.

### 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



### Join Amazon execs and AI experts for focus groups Aug. 24

UAB IT will host Amazon executive leaders and AI experts for three sessions on the technology’s potential in academics, research and medicine in the Hill Student Center Alumni Theater. Use cases, demos and technological capabilities will be covered.

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



### Are you a smoothie person?

UAB employees get \$1 off any small, medium or large smoothie at the Railroad Park Planet Smoothie location. That is just one of 14 food discounts available through the UAB Perks program. See the full list and all the rest of the UAB Perks [online](#).

### Do you know an outstanding educator?

Any full-time, regular faculty member meeting who has previously received the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching is eligible for the Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching. Read about last year’s Ingalls award recipient, Chemistry Professor Jacqueline Nickles, Ph.D.; then send a nomination by Aug. 31 to [samil@uab.edu](mailto:samil@uab.edu).

### Review changes to UAB Libraries’ 3D printing guidelines

Beginning Aug. 21, print job limit times in 3DPrinterOS will be increased from eight hours to 10, and monthly print job submissions will be limited to five jobs submissions for each individual user. If an academic or research project has print requirements outside of those limits, contact Patrick Boggs, technology labs manager, at [jboggs@uab.edu](mailto:jboggs@uab.edu).

### Blazer achievements



### PR students earn national recognition

The Public Relations Student Society of America at UAB has been named a Star Chapter by the Public Relations Society of America for the fourth consecutive year. Students in the public relations program in the Department of Communication Studies represent nonprofits such as Hand in Paw and Better Basics.



### Professor’s new CD earns Global Music Award

“Korean Tapestry: Korean Art Songs by Leading Korean Women Composers,” the first such album ever released by the world’s leading classical music label, features Won Cho, DMA, associate professor in the Department of Music. The album was recorded and produced by Craig Brandwein, UAB assistant professor of music technology.

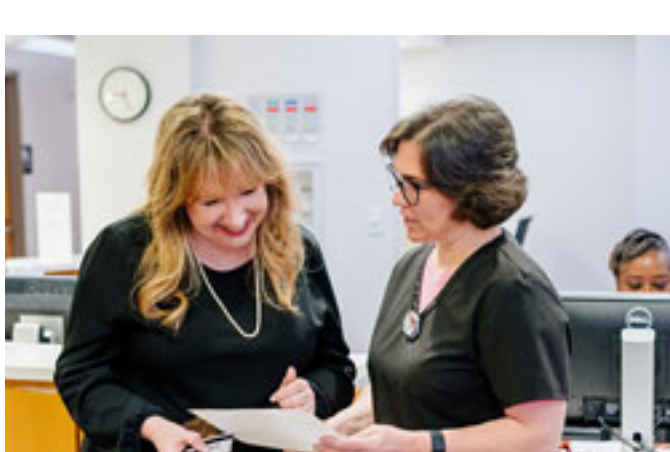
### Research & learning



### How can we build better neighborhoods?

Leading experts will discuss how to offer resources and work collaboratively toward meaningful solutions in this CCTS event.

📅 10 a.m. Aug. 30  
📍 virtual  
📄 Register online



### Learn how to reframe your emotions and adapt at work

Do you sometimes struggle to recognize your own emotions and those of your colleagues? Improve your EQ with this class.

📅 9 a.m. Sept. 6  
📍 Medical Towers 419A  
📄 Register online

### Behind the scenes of an NIH study section

Experience what happens after a grant is submitted in a facilitated simulation from the Center for Clinical and Translational Science. Mock NIH Study Section sessions on Sept. 12 and 14 focus on R01 grants; sessions Sept. 19 and 22 focus on K23 grants. The first session, noon Aug. 25, is titled “Understanding the NIH grant review process to your own benefit.” Register once to attend any session.

### Register for the 2023 CCTS Training Symposium

This two-and-a-half day learning event 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.

📅 Sept. 27-29  
📍 Biloxi, Mississippi  
📄 See details and register online

**What is reproductive aging?**  
Marcelle Cedars, M.D., professor and director of the Center for Reproductive Health at UCSF, will explain how reproductive aging opens a window on general aging.

📅 12:30 p.m. Aug. 25  
📍 virtual  
📄 Register online

**Postdocs: Interested in training on mechanisms of hypertension and cardiovascular disease?**  
Apply for one of a limited number of spots in this NIH-funded T32 program that offers 12-month, full-time training appointments renewable up to three years. Email [faithiang@uabmc.edu](mailto:faithiang@uabmc.edu) for details and learn more online.

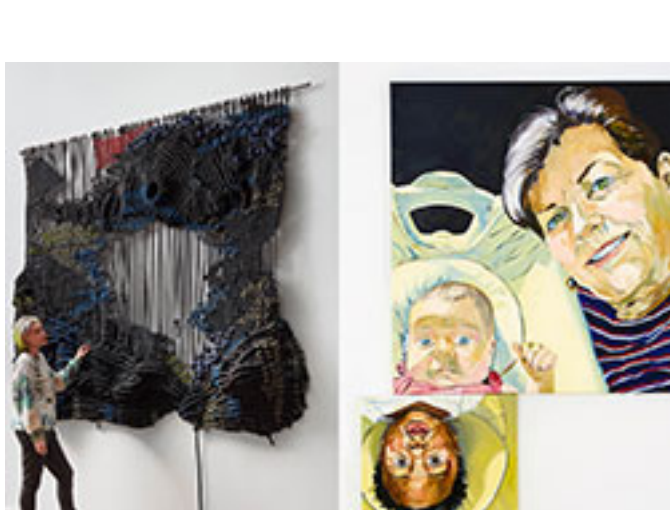
### Mark your calendars



### Arts Block Party features Red Baraat in concert

Back to school and ready to be entertained? Check out this free event capped with a concert by the pioneering brass band.

📅 5 p.m. Aug. 25  
📍 AEIVA and ASC  
📄 Register online



### See works by artists Jacqueline Surdell and Michael Dixon

The exhibitions, “Jacqueline Surdell: Adoration Garden” and “Michael Dixon: The Undeniable Blackness Between Us,” will open to the public Aug. 25 at 5 p.m.

📅 Aug. 25 through Dec. 9  
📍 AEIVA  
📄 Details online



### Secure your tickets to Coach Differ’s debut

Watch UAB Football (in their new uniforms) take on North Carolina A&T under the Thursday night lights on Aug. 31. Tickets start at \$20.

### One more thing



### UAB celebrates grand opening of East Science Hall and South Science Hall

The opening of the first phase of the Science and Engineering Complex is a significant milestone for UAB and demonstrates its unwavering dedication to advancing scientific knowledge. Watch the proceedings from yesterday’s ribbon cutting in this [Instagram video](#).