

August 22, 2023



ENGAGE THIS FALL

Watch President Watts' message to learn how

'More opportunities than ever'

As a new academic year begins, President Watts encouraged all members of the UAB community to engage in meaningful ways, including providing feedback to the new Strategic Plan, contributing to the strategic initiative around research, supporting UAB Athletics and taking care of physical and mental health. Read his message and watch the video.



5 things to know as Blazer Core Curriculum debuts

This is the first complete overhaul of UAB's core curriculum requirements since the university was founded, focusing on providing competencies critical for the 21st century that will better equip students to meet their lifelong goals.



The Farm Stand returns today, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Stock up on locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables from Chilton County's Boozer Farms Tuesdays in the first-floor atrium of The Kirkin Clinic at UAB Hospital. See dates online and visit uab.edu/farmstand to find out what is in season and get a free newsletter with coupons and recipes.



Iles honored for supporting active military members

Karen Iles, Ph.D., director of the Office of the Conflict of Interest Review Board, was nominated for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve award by Christian Foster, a program administrator in OCIRB and member of the U.S. Army Reserve.

With COVID cases increasing in Alabama, stay safe this semester

While the worst of the pandemic may be behind us, cases are on the rise in our area. To protect yourself and others in the UAB community, remember the CDC's guidance on isolation and exposure: mask and test if you're symptomatic or have been exposed, isolate if you're positive, and keep your hands clean. UAB Medicine employees should continue to follow their specific policies.

Things to know



Attend Amazon focus groups on AI Aug. 24

Amazon executive leaders and experts will explore using AI to impact student success, research and patient care. Attend in the HSC Alumni Theater or on Zoom.

- Academics – 9 a.m.
- Research – 10 a.m.
- Medicine – 11 a.m.



Demolition of Ice House requires temporary road closure

For the next several months, 22nd Street South will be closed to thru traffic between 4th Avenue South and 5th Avenue South to safely demolish the Ice House building. The work is expected to be complete around December. This map will help you plan.

UAB amending in-state travel guidelines to allow reimbursement

Effective Oct. 1, employees may be reimbursed for actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses incurred during in-state travel in the course of UAB business. A completed Travel Pre-Approval Form will be required. See details online.

Submit proposals for state opioid settlement funding by Aug. 31

UAB is leading an internal review to select a small group of proposals to send forward to the State of Alabama for funding consideration as part of a nearly \$249 million settlement. The deadline for proposals to UAB's internal review process is Aug. 31. Learn more about eligibility, proposal content and other details online.

Find deals on new laptops

With UAB's Laptop Program, faculty, staff and students can take advantage of discounts from TechConnect, UAB's on-campus tech store. Offers with savings up to \$500 are available for Apple and Dell computers. The Apple discounts are available through Oct. 2 and Dell discounts are good through Jan. 28, 2024.

Nominations open for Ingalls award through Aug. 31

Do you know someone who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to teaching for 20 or more years? The Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching is presented annually to a full-time, regular faculty member who has previously received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Read about last year's Ingalls award recipient, Chemistry Professor Jacqueline Nickles, Ph.D. Then send a nomination by Aug. 31 to samli@uab.edu; see details online.

Do you work with a star performer?

If you know a co-worker who exemplifies one of UAB's shared values — integrity, stewardship, collaboration, accountability, respect, excellence and achievement, and diversity and inclusiveness — nominate them for UAB's VIP awards. Third-quarter nominations are due tomorrow, Aug. 23.

Facilities now has separate service request systems for campus and hospital

The separate but coordinated systems will help ensure timely and efficient service for Facilities' diverse customer base. Access the systems through the Request Services page.

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.

Research & learning



Making good connections

Register for the Business Research Toolkit course to discover free online sources and UAB subscription databases available through UAB Libraries. Participants who finish the course will receive a digital badge for use on resumes and LinkedIn. Register online Aug. 21-27; the course runs Sept. 1-Oct. 19.

Interested in pilot funding to study aging? Apply by Aug. 25

The Integrative Center for Aging Research is soliciting pilot project research proposals on any topic related to aging — from basic biology to translational, clinical and community-based research as well as interventions to promote function and independence for older adults. Awards up to \$25,000 are available, with pilot projects from early-stage investigators prioritized. More details and past awardees are online.

Mock NIH Study Section

Step into the role of an NIH study section member and experience what happens after a grant is submitted.

📅 noon Aug. 25 (+ more sessions in September)
📍 virtual
📄 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

Learn e-mail tips from the pros

The next edition of the Improving Your "Outlook" micro-learning series takes on creating Calendar items from emails.

📅 11 a.m. Aug. 28
📍 virtual
📄 Register online

Mental Health & Young Athletes: Stress, Eating Disorders, and More

Dayna Watson, Ph.D., assistant professor of human studies, will discuss how to best respond when an athlete self-reports health struggles.

📅 noon Aug. 30
📍 virtual
📄 Register online

Does calorie restriction really lead to longer lives?

Steve Austad, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor and Protective Life Endowed Chair in Healthy Aging Research in the Department of Biology, will explore lessons from 70 years of animal research and new approaches that seem promising.

📅 noon Sept. 6
📍 virtual
📄 Register online

Psychosocial Oncology Training Academy

This trailblazing program equips health care professionals with specialized skills to ensure improved access and enhanced quality of care. Participants can take the entire course or just a part. Apply today.

📅 8 a.m. Sept. 16
📍 CHSB 207
📄 Buy tickets online

2023 Dorothy Oliver and Druclilla Russ-Lecture and Symposium

UAB trainees can submit abstracts by Sept. 10 to be considered for an oral presentation. Keynote speaker is Sabra Klein, Ph.D., from Johns Hopkins University.

📅 11 a.m. Oct. 11
📍 ASC
📄 Register online

Mark your calendars



Want to learn to swim? Take lessons with URec

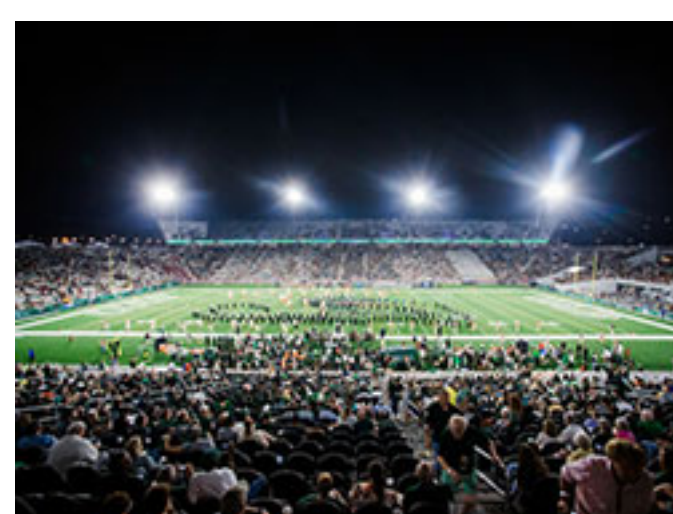
University Recreation follows a Red Cross-based curriculum and hosts classes for ages 6 months to adults. Register now for session 1 running Sept. 9-Oct. 14 or session 2 running Oct. 21-Dec. 2. See a class schedule and pricing online.



See Alice in a brand-new way

Dancer-illusionists perform seemingly superhuman feats in MOMIX: Alice, described as "an exhilarating 90-minute head rush and sensory overload."

📅 7 p.m. Sept. 6-8
📍 Alys Stephens Center
📄 Buy tickets



Take advantage of 2 for \$23 kickoff offer

Get two tickets to UAB's first game in the American Athletic Conference and under Head Coach Trent Dilfer 7 p.m. Aug. 31 against North Carolina A&T at Protective Stadium. Discount valid through Aug. 30.

📄 Watch three Blazers receive their scholarships from Coach Dilfer



Staff Council to meet Aug. 30

All meetings are open to any staff member who would like to attend. Find your representative and review minutes of past meetings on the Staff Council site.

📅 8:30 a.m. Aug. 30
📍 Alumni House
📄 Details online

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