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Employee responses earn UAB national recognition

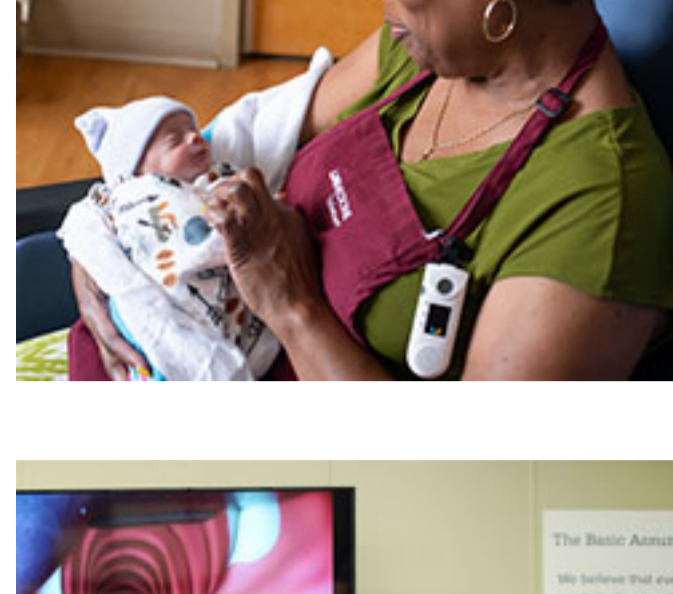
Ratings and comments from more than 4,000 faculty and staff on last year's Campus Engagement Survey led to the university's first appearance in one of the nation's largest workplace-recognition programs. UAB was recognized for strengths in:

- shared governance
- diversity, inclusion and belonging
- confidence in senior leadership
- faculty experience

President Watts and Provost Benoit sent a message to campus on Wednesday outlining four recurring themes for improvement as well, based on responses to the Campus Engagement Survey and Faculty IDEA Survey:

- understanding the vision for UAB
- more communication, respect and appreciation
- performance management
- more shared governance

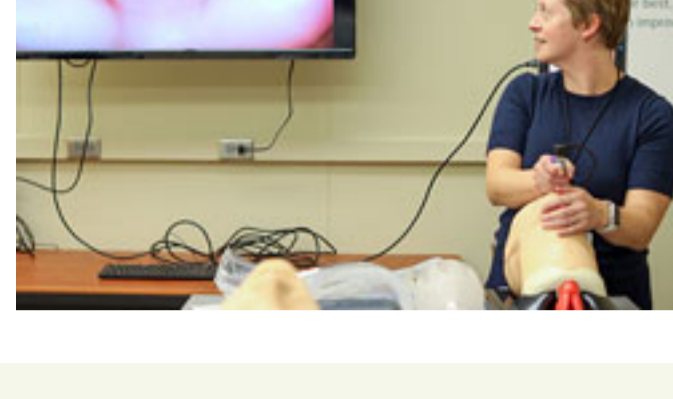
Read the action steps planned over the next year for each theme.



Back with her babies

The return of the UAB Neonatal Helping Hands program post-COVID is a source of joy for volunteer cuddlers such as Debra Nelson, the sister of a UAB employee. "I feel like I won the lottery," she said. Read her story and learn how to volunteer.

Watch Nelson in action in this video.



Take a look inside UAB's simulation capabilities with these 10 photos

Learners get hands-on practice in everything from birthing to tricky conversations at the Office of Interpersonal Simulation's Simulation Center in Volker Hall.

More news online

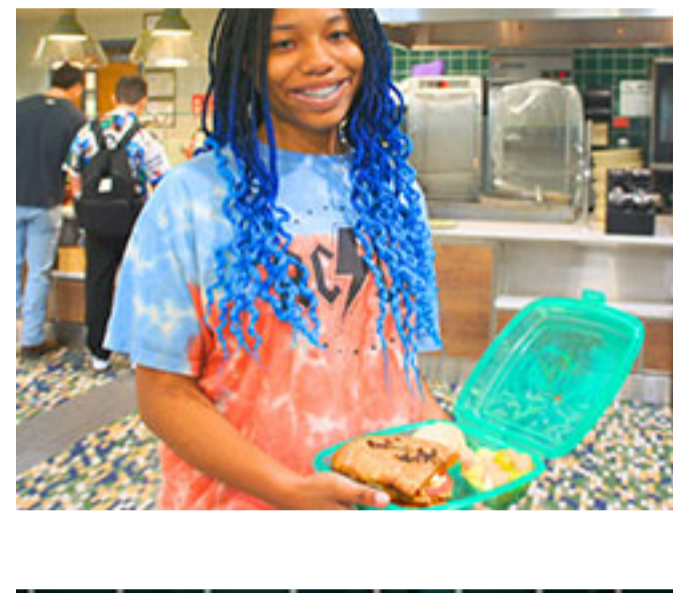
Get campus news at uab.edu/reporter and uab.edu/news. Check the Campus Calendar for more events on campus, and submit your own. If you have news you want to share, use the Request Publicity form online.

Things to know



Phone reset may be required after maintenance tonight; here's how

IT's campus telecommunications team will be performing VoIP telephone maintenance beginning at 5 p.m. today. There is a chance some phones may require a manual reset — find step-by-step directions online.



Get that lunch to go with 'Choose 2 Re-Use'

Don't have time to sit and eat? Employees and students can take their meal from The Commons with a sustainable and reusable green container (one-time cost for the box is \$5 plus tax). Purchase from cashier; details and FAQs online.



Jersey swap: Jones → Braylyn

Yesterday, UAB employee Tim Peterson and his family met Blazers linebacker Jamarcus Jones, who will represent Braylyn Peterson as UAB Football honors young cancer survivors in its game 6 p.m. Saturday against Louisiana. Read her story.

\$10 tickets are available for this Kids Takeover Day game, with free face painting, inflatables and more. Offer ends today.



Please update emergency contacts in Oracle

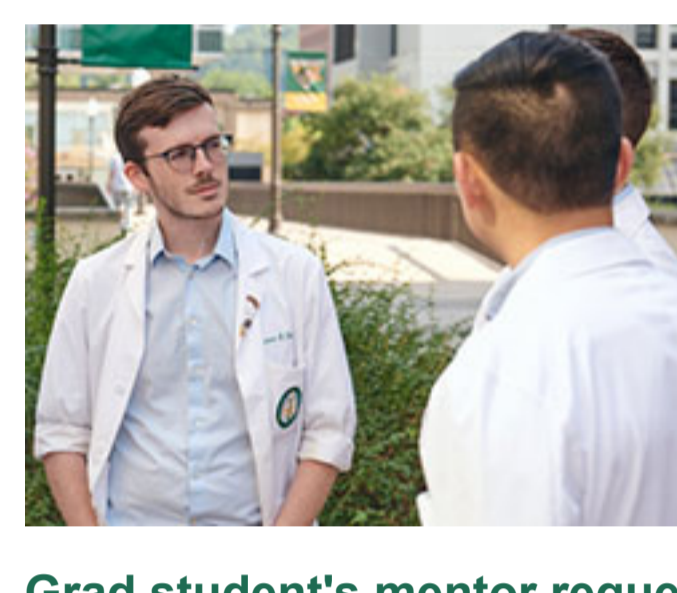
Emergency contact information is kept confidential and will only be used in the event of an emergency. Find detailed instructions on the Human Resources site.

Blazer achievements



Recipients of new Blazer Bridge Fund grants announced

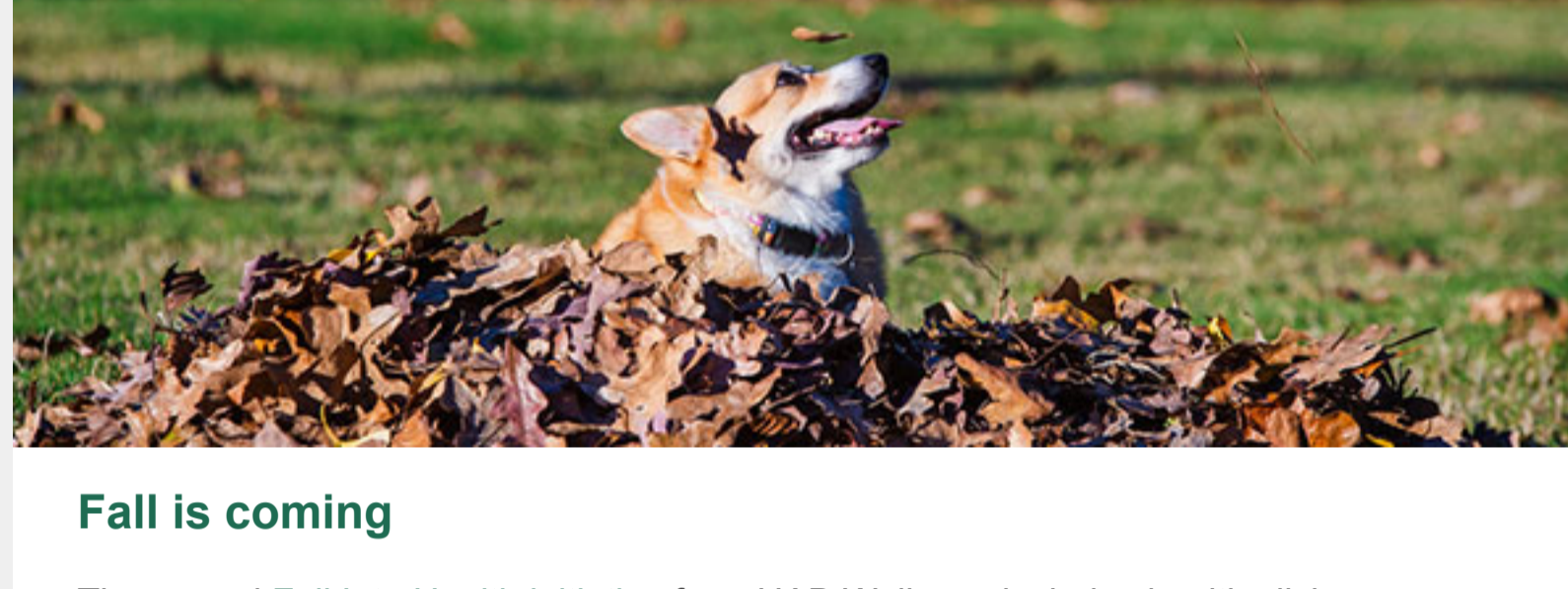
Nearly 50 applications representing 90 inventors in 34 departments and schools sought development funds from the Harbert Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Learn more about the six projects selected here.



Grad student's mentor request leads to \$5 million in funding

One of the mentors that M.D./Ph.D. student Hunter Dean wanted to work with him on an Alzheimer's project did not even study the disease. But the computational biology expertise that Yuhua Song, Ph.D., brought to the collaboration with Dean and Erik Roberson, Ph.D., has pointed to new therapies for Alzheimer's and two major grants.

Mark your calendars



Fall is coming

The annual Fall Into Health initiative from UAB Wellness includes healthy living webinars, on-campus and online activities, seasonal recipes and more, starting with the Eating Clean, What Does It Mean? webinar. See a complete list of events and activities at uab.edu/fallintohealth.

My Health Rewards participants earn 25 points for each webinar or class they take part in.

Are you ready for racing? UAB employees can purchase \$35 grandstand tickets to the 2023 Fall NASCAR Cup playoff race and concert on Oct. 1 at the Talladega Superspeedway. For details and other discounts from UAB Perks, visit uab.edu/perks.



Jonathan Ardón on freedom, flight and language

The award-winning Guatemalan artist, whose work revolves around birds and their relationship to poetry, will lecture (in Spanish) in a free event.

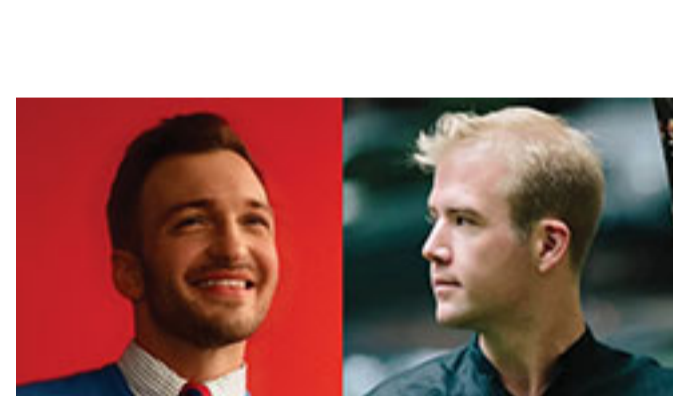
4 p.m. Sept. 18
Alys Stephens Center
Details online



Do you know a student considering medical school?

Preview Day gives prospective students of the Heersink School of Medicine the chance to interact with current students and Admissions staff, as well as take a tour.

2 p.m. Sept. 20
Volker Hall Lecture Room D
Register online



Songs and strings

Vocalist Daniel McGrew and harpist Parker Ramsay will perform a free concert as part of the Young Concert Artists Series.

7 p.m. Oct. 3
Alys Stephens Center
Details online

Research & learning



Thinking about a graduate degree in public health?

Fall information sessions are a great time to dive deeper into admissions requirements, curriculum and student organizations, meet faculty and discover the careers available after completing a degree.



Make the most of SharePoint

The first session of the UAB IT SharePoint team's new quarterly UAB training series will focus on site layout and design, understanding your content, site features and more.

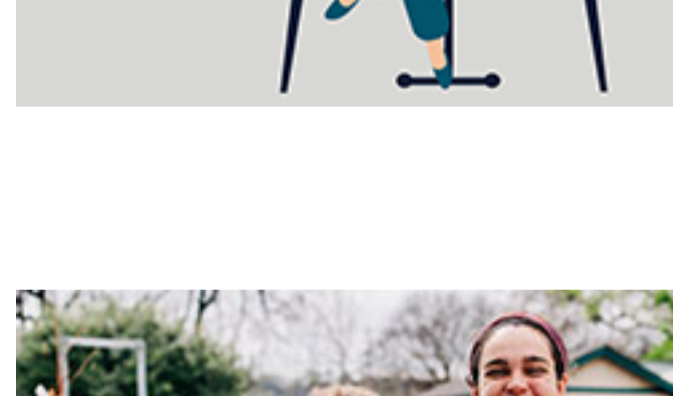
10 a.m. Sept. 18
virtual
Details online



Commission on the Status of Women financial planning advice

No matter your age, employment or marital status, it is never too early or late to prepare to reach your financial goals. Learn how at this event. All are welcome.

11:30 a.m. Sept. 19
virtual
Register online



Strategies for sustainability

Bambi Ingram and Nick Ciancio from UAB Sustainability will explore why it is important, and how Blazers can reduce energy consumption and waste and conserve natural resources.

noon Sept. 19
virtual
Register online



Turning vacant spaces into vibrant spaces

Frank Alexander, creator of the Project on Affordable Housing and Community Development at Emory University, will discuss the role of civic engagement.

noon Sept. 20
Ryals 407
Registration required (lunch is provided)



What are the root causes of perinatal health disparities?

Neonatologist Rasheda Vereen, M.D., will tackle this question in the latest seminar from the Center for Women's Reproductive Health.

12:30 p.m. Sept. 22
virtual
Register online



How to partner for global health

Hosted by the UAB Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health, the UAB Global Health Symposium will focus on best practices for multi-directional collaborations and activities to strengthen partnerships.

Sept. 28 & 29
Hilton Birmingham at UAB
Register online

Faculty: Take advantage of these learning opportunities

Set aside time to hone classroom skills with these workshops from eLearning and Professional Studies:

Zoom Basics

Learn how to use Zoom at UAB in these virtual workshops, each starting at 11 a.m.

- Scheduling Meetings, Sept. 19
- Hosting Meetings, Sept. 20
- Recording Sharing, Sept. 21

Applying the Quality Matters Rubric Workshop

Learn about the newly released 7th Edition of the Quality Matters Rubric and its use in reviewing the design of online and blended courses in this two-day workshop.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 26 & Sept. 28
virtual
Register online

One more thing



Five ways for women to spot the "silent killer"

Nearly 20,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year. But most of the symptoms that could lead to an early diagnosis, such as bloating and fatigue, are overlooked because they are so common. Assistant Professor Teresa Boitano, M.D., of the UAB Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, explains what to watch for and when to talk to your doctor.

Lectures	Arts	Athletics
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