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**UAB takes top spot in global Freezer Challenge — again ❁ ❁ ❁**

Researchers across campus partnered with UAB Sustainability to save nearly 1 million kilowatt-hours of electricity and earn highest honors in the International Laboratory Freezer Challenge for the third year in a row. Find out how they did it.



**Meet the doctors protecting Alabama from killer fungi**

Alabama is a hotbed for fungal diseases — which is why experts in treating and tracking problematic fungi gravitate to UAB. This is great news for Alabamians as killer fungi become a worldwide threat.



**AVP Research candidate presentations ongoing**

The first two in-person presentations by candidates for the Associate Vice President for Research and Executive Director of Sponsored Programs were held this week. (Candidate bios and videos are here.) The other two finalists present noon Sept. 25 and 10 a.m. Sept. 28, both in FOT 1101.

**More news online**

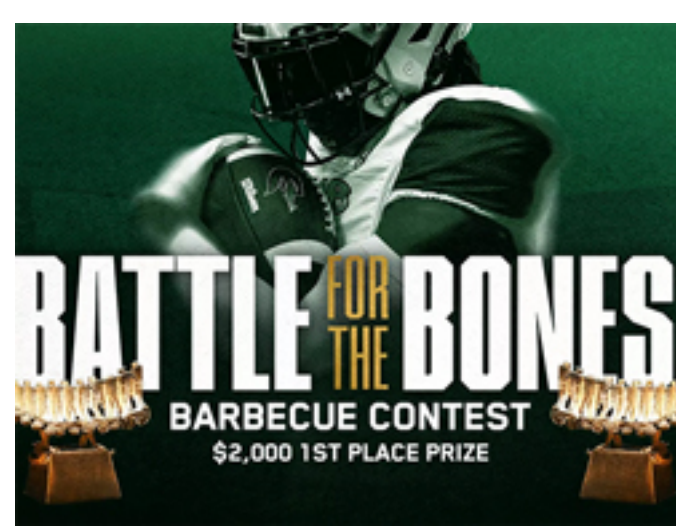
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**Things to know**



**5 things to know about open enrollment this year**

Stay tuned to the UAB Reporter as UAB begins rolling out information to provide benefit-eligible employees time to review upcoming changes and make informed decisions. Open enrollment begins 7 a.m. Oct. 20 and concludes 5 p.m. Nov. 6.



**These ribs are no joke**

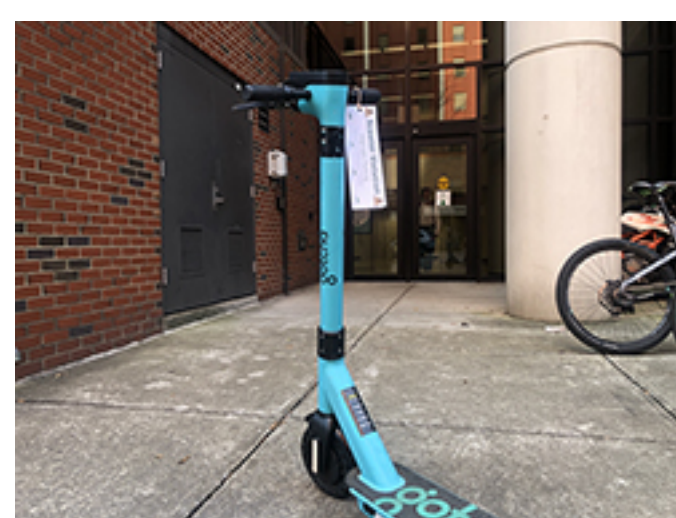
Enter the Battle for the Bones Barbecue Contest, which will be held Oct. 21 outside of Protective Stadium in celebration of the UAB-Memphis football rivalry game, for cash prizes and a replica of the famous rack-of-ribs trophy. Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Oct. 16. Details online.

*The Reporter is working on a story on staff and faculty who compete in barbecue contests — whether or not they have decided to enter the Battle for the Bones contest above. If that is you, email us at [content@uab.edu](mailto:content@uab.edu).*



**Here are 5 ways to help students prepare for their careers**

With fall semester already in high gear, here is a quick refresher on all that the UAB Career Center offers to support students on their career journeys.



**How to play a role in promoting safe scooter behavior**

More than 250 reports have been filed using UAB Transportation's Micromobility Reporting Tool form. What else can you do? Disability Support Services provides informal violation tags to educate riders on parking procedures and help make campus accessible for all Blazers. Learn more.

**New payment types for domestic travel reimbursement**

As UAB prepares to implement new processes related to amended In-State Travel guidelines, there will be several changes to Oracle Payment Request forms used to process travel reimbursements. Beginning Oct. 1, UAB employees will use one of two new payment request types to request reimbursement for domestic travel expenses. The payment types are EMPLOYEE TRAVEL and PER DIEM EMPL TRAVEL. Also, with the implementation of the new payment request types, as of Oct. 1, the historical OUT\_OF\_ST\_EMPL\_TRVL and INTRA\_ST\_EMPL\_TRAVEL payment request types will be removed as request options. [Read more online.](#)

**Compensation guidelines available online**

An item in Tuesday's eReporter noted that the FY24 UAB Academic and Administrative Compensation Guidelines are now available online to provide assistance with decisions related to faculty and staff compensation practices. The headline for that item said that the Compensation Calculator, a new tool from UAB Human Resources to provide salary offer guidance to hiring managers, also was online. This is incorrect — the Compensation Calculator is not available online. [Read more.](#)

**Free webinars and learning opportunities**

**Improving Your "Outlook": FindTime**  
In this fifth installment, guest speaker Macy Moon, UAB IT Communications Specialist, and program host Jerad Watson, Manager, HR Learning & Development, will discuss and demonstrate the FindTime (Scheduling Poll) feature, an Outlook add-in that can help you schedule meetings.

🕒 11 a.m. Sept. 25  
📍 virtual  
📄 [Register online](#)

**Learn practices for inclusive curriculum design and assessment**  
The Department of English and the College of Arts and Sciences Jemison Endowment present this event with Mya Poe, Ph.D., associate professor of English at Northeastern University.

🕒 2:30 p.m. Sept. 27  
📍 Alumni House  
📄 [Details online](#)

**See the Stories: The Human Side of Medicaid Expansion**  
This event features a panel of individuals impacted by this coverage gap, researchers studying the impact of Medicaid expansion, and physicians who see the health implications of uninsured populations.

🕒 11 a.m. Oct. 10  
📍 Hill Student Center, Ballrooms C&D  
📄 [Registration required \(lunch is provided\)](#)

**Water and Wastewater Equity Symposium**  
This conference brings together relevant stakeholders, federal, state and local agencies, health providers, educators, non-profits, county commissioners, and water board members to focus on education and solutions to the water and wastewater equity crisis of the Alabama Black Belt.

🕒 9 a.m. Oct. 19  
📍 Renaissance Montgomery  
📄 [Register online](#)

**Mark your calendars**



**Can't-miss performances from the Department of Music 🎧**

A recital by Spanish piano superstar José Ramón Mendez, classic hits from gospel legend Donald Lawrence, comic operas from UAB Opera and more than a dozen recitals and concerts by students and faculty are on the program — and many of the performances are free.

**Do you want to tackle big problems with genomics?**

The Center for Genomic Medicine is accepting applications from postdoctoral trainees from various disciplines for a two-year period of research and education. The UAB-HudsonAlpha Genomic Medicine PostDoctoral Training Program provides mentorship and clinical research training that enables trainees to solve problems in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human disease. [Learn more and apply online.](#)

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