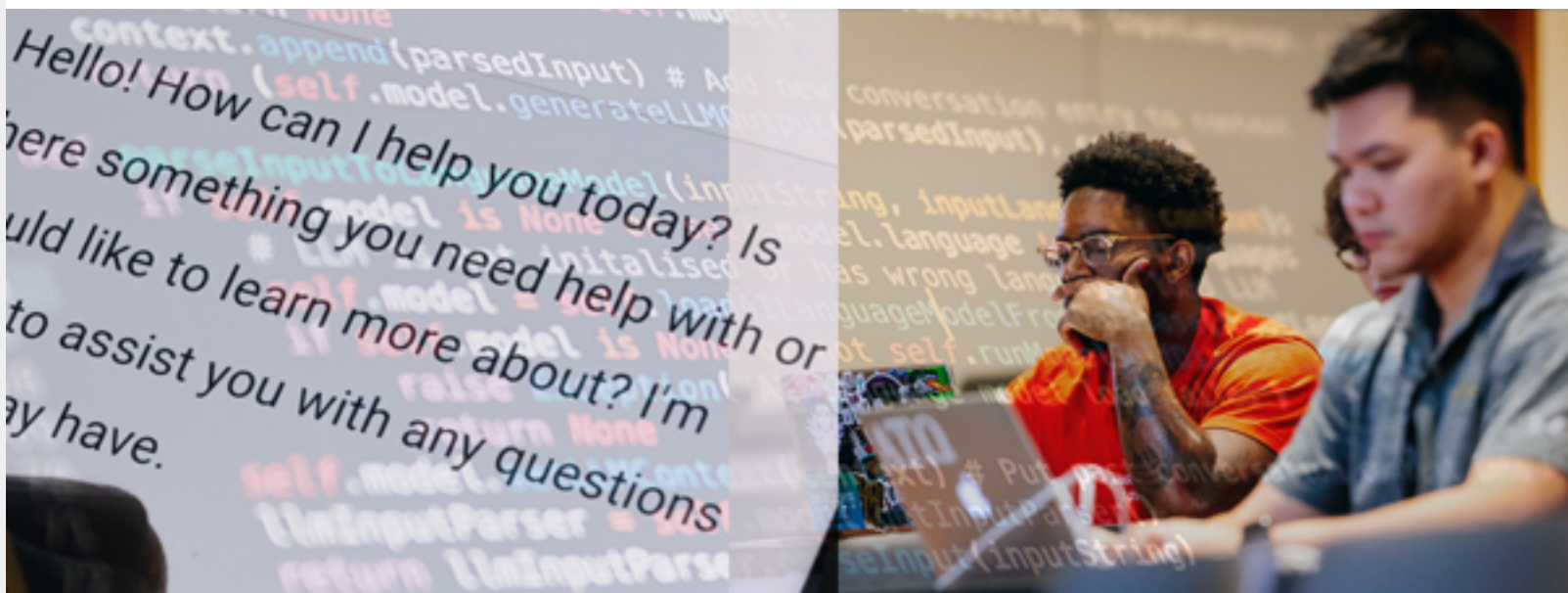


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Generative AI in the classroom

Learn how UAB's Center for Teaching and Learning is responding to the technology, and meet UAB faculty using gen AI this semester to teach courses in [first-year composition](#), [graduate-level professional writing](#) and [information security](#).



4 chosen as UAB VIPs for fourth-quarter 2023

Whitney Covington, Brooke Gleason, Lynne Jarreau and Amanda Sherman are the fourth-quarter 2023 honorees of the UAB Shared Values in Action Program. [Nominations](#) for first-quarter 2024 honorees are open through Jan. 25.



Newly formed unit is powered by strategic thinking and bold vision

The Graduate School and the Office of Global Engagement have merged to form the UAB Graduate School and Global Affairs, or GSGA.



UAB Health System names new Chief Human Resources Officer

John Petrov, who brings 20 years of talent in the human resources space to the enterprise, comes to UAB from Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, where he served as senior vice president and chief human resources officer.

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



Urgent need for vigilance against phishing emails

UAB is fighting a persistent, sophisticated series of email phishing attacks against campus inboxes. Over the past week, UAB employees have been hit with offers to apply to be a personal assistant, discounts on musical instruments and fake notices about Office 365 accounts, among others. The busy season gives scammers a better chance to catch you off guard with phishing emails — and that means you need to be extra skeptical when you review your inbox. [Read more](#) from IT.



2024 Marchase Interdisciplinary Research Lecture and Award

Adrian Hernandez, M.D., executive director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute, will deliver the keynote lecture noon Jan. 9 in [Spain Auditorium](#) followed by the Marchase Award presentation; RSVP for lunch. Core Day follows from 2-4 p.m. in [West Pavilion](#), first floor.

Are you paid biweekly? Note this schedule change

Because January 1 and 2 are UAB designated holidays, Payroll Services will process the Jan. 5, 2024 biweekly payroll (Dec. 17-30 pay period) on a holiday schedule. UKG Campus Kronos Time Card sign-off is noon Jan. 2. Payroll Services recommends that employees and time editors do this prior to leaving for the holiday break on Dec. 30. Direct questions to payhelp2@uab.edu.

Innovate Fellows applications open now

The Harbert Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship is accepting applications for the spring 2024 cohort of its paid Innovate Fellows program. These are graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who help the Harbert Institute team manage the newest inventions on campus while also exploring careers within technology transfer. Deadline to apply is Jan. 5, 2024. [Details online](#).

Research & learning



Your chance to join a major new UAB study

Studying healthy human blood samples, in conjunction with disease samples, will further propel UAB into the national spotlight for immunology, according to [Fran Lund, Ph.D.](#), director of UAB's Immunology Institute.

The institute's Healthy Donor Cohort is now open and looking for healthy adults willing to serve as participants in UAB research studies for which investigators need blood samples. Volunteers who enroll will receive \$45 for the first blood sample provided to the study and \$30 for each subsequent sample. [Find more information online](#).



Kano named 2023 Allen Distinguished Investigator

Shinichi Kano, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Neurobiology, has been named one of 18 new Allen Distinguished Investigators, who have been awarded a total \$10.5 million.

Improving Your “Outlook” 2023 concludes Monday

The season finale of Learning & Development's popular series on email pro tips concludes next week with a session on the "Focused Inbox" feature, offering insights into effective inbox control and the art of prioritization. Attendees can also get a wrap-up resource with best practices and shortcuts compiled from all the fall 2023 sessions. Watch all those sessions on the [series archive](#) here.

🕒 11 a.m. Dec. 18
📍 virtual
📅 [Register online](#)

i2b2 & DataLENS: Accessing Electronic Health Record Data for Research
Discover how researchers within the CCTS Partner Network use significant data enclaves to drive innovation.

🕒 2 p.m. Dec. 20
📍 virtual
📅 [Register online](#)

Annual UAB COERE Methods Symposium
Centered around the theme of implementation science, this half-day event features presentations by national thought leaders and UAB scholars in the field.

🕒 8:30 a.m. Jan. 18
📍 [Lister Hill Library](#), 4th floor or [virtual](#)
📅 [Register online](#)

Mark your calendars



Bartow Holiday Party 🏀

UAB Men's Basketball Coach Andy Kennedy invites all UAB employees and Blazer fans to attend the Bartow Holiday Party at the team's game vs. Drake.

🕒 2 p.m. Dec. 22
📍 [Bartow Arena](#)
📅 [Buy tickets](#)



Handel's Messiah

Presented by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and featuring the Alabama Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

🕒 7 p.m. Dec. 22 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 23
📍 [Alys Stephens Center](#), Jemison Hall
📅 [Buy tickets](#)



New Year's Eve: A Viennese Celebration

Maestro Chris Confessore will take the podium to lead the Alabama Symphony Orchestra in a selection of Strauss family favorites and more.

🕒 6 p.m. Dec. 31
📍 [Alys Stephens Center](#), Jemison Hall
📅 [Buy tickets](#)

One more thing



Preventable risk factors play significant role in Parkinson's

UAB neurology researchers studied more than 1,200 people from the Southern region of the United States and found that preventable risk factors — including exposure to commonly used pesticides/herbicides and blows to the head that are sustained in activities such as football — play a significant role in a person's potential of developing Parkinson's disease. The research was led by Haydeh Payami, Ph.D., professor and John T. & Juanelle D. Strain Endowed Chair in the Department of Neurology.