

UAB COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Arts · Week

Celebrating student creativity and the fine arts at UAB

April 10–20

April 12, 2024



Social Work Partnership brings together Blazers across campus

The new initiative gives social workers across the UAB enterprise a chance to grow and support each other to enhance the health and well-being of the communities that UAB serves. In this story, a social worker who came to the university for graduate training and stayed to become an employee explains what sets UAB apart.



How this Parkinson's treatment revitalized a pastor's life

Deep brain stimulation allows Tim McCracken to pick up pickleball, even with Parkinson's, and share comfort with others during hospital visits.



Help save someone in less than a minute

There is no better time than National Donate Life Blue and Green Day (today, April 12) to register your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor and share your support on social media. Learn more about other events in Donate Life Month, including the annual transplant picnic April 20.



5 honored with Padma Awards

The Commission on the Status of Women awarded Jesse Rattan, Ph.D., Mitzi Swift, Grace Jepkemboi Komol, Ph.D., Amanda Watts and Jewell Dickson-Clayton during the March 21 Padma Awards, which are open to all employees.

More news online

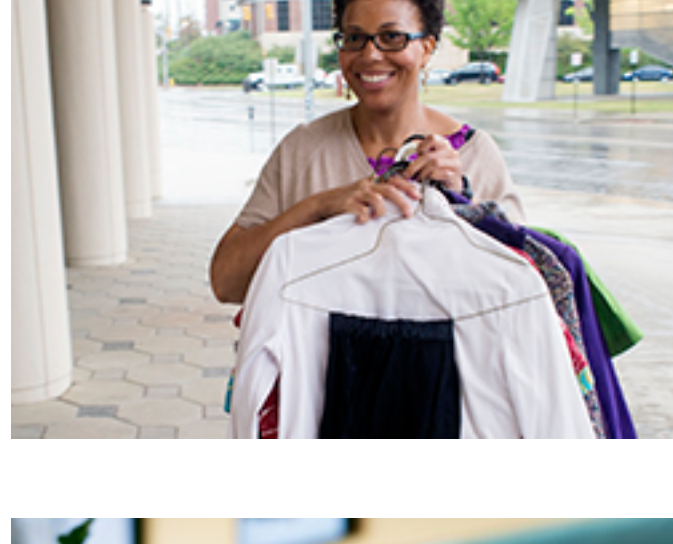
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Things to know



Check this site for research admin system updates

The new Project eRA site from the Office of Research and UAB IT provides updates and information about UAB's search for its next electronic research administration system, including demonstration videos, sandbox environments and surveys for researchers to provide feedback.



Last day: Drop off donations for Suits for Success

Donate work-appropriate clothing for women during Suits for Success, the annual clothing drive from the Commission on the Status of Women that benefits My Sister's Closet, an outreach program of the YWCA. Drop off items 7 a.m.-noon today at the Alys Stephens Center.



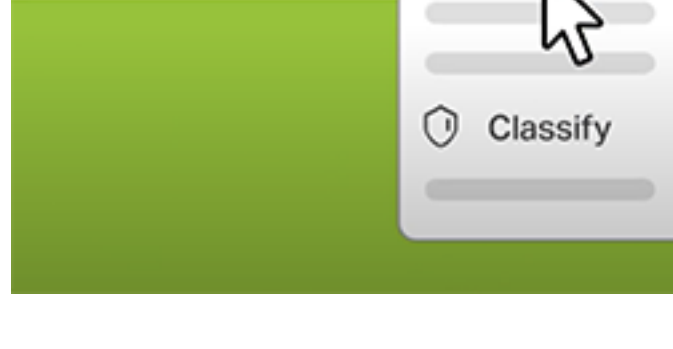
Apple deals on tap at TechConnect

The spring sale at the store in the Hill Center includes savings of up to \$400 on select iPad and MacBook models in person or online from April 22-26. Products can be pre-ordered through April 15.



Deadline Monday: UAB Staff Council nominations

Strengthen the voice of UAB staff by nominating yourself or a colleague to represent your school, college or unit for the 2024-2026 term. Submit nominations through April 15 on the Staff Council SharePoint site. Elections will take place May 1-8, with terms beginning in August. See details online.



Box labeling feature to help secure documents, folders

UAB IT is launching a new feature to help better secure documents stored in Box. Starting today, you will be able to label documents and folders in Box based on data classification (Public, Sensitive or Restricted/PHI).

Blazer achievements



Bodine Al-Sharif Awarded Prestigious Fulbright Scholarship

Mary Ann Bodine Al-Sharif, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Education, has been named a 2024-2025 Fulbright Scholar. She will conduct research on higher education in Saudi Arabia.



Medical advances and professional growth

Janie Roberson, senior director of Anatomic Pathology, Laboratory Quality, and the Cellular Therapy Laboratory, was honored for 45 years of service at the annual UAB Medicine Service Awards. "UAB is first and foremost a place of change and opportunity," Roberson said.

Mark your calendars



Head and neck cancer screening

UAB Medicine is offering free oral cancer screenings the week of April 15-19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Kirklín Clinic lobby. It only takes a few minutes and no appointment is necessary.



Craws for celebration!

Students get free crawfish during this annual event 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 17 on the Campus Green, but faculty, staff and others can join in the fun by purchasing the day of or pre-ordering crawfish by the pound online beforehand.



Blazer Bolt for Brain Cancer

The 11th annual edition of this 5k and fun run/walk will return at 8 a.m. May 18 at Railroad Park. Register by April 19 to guarantee a race t-shirt. All proceeds directly benefit brain cancer research and patient support services.

Register now for UAB 2024 summer camps

The university's diverse assortment of camps focus on science, creative writing, music, theater and more. Find details online.

Research & learning



Communication in the Age of Social Media

Ian Hawkins, Ph.D., will discuss research on the positive and negative impacts of social media, as well as the role of emerging technology.

📅 12:20 p.m. April 12
📍 Sterne Library, room 174
📄 Details online



Improving Your "Outlook": Adding and Viewing Calendars

Add and manage calendars to keep track of your appointments and events effortlessly.

📅 11 a.m. April 15
📍 virtual
📄 Register online



Administrative and Finance Directors Roundtable

Explore effective strategies to motivate and engage employees across all tiers at UAB from a panel including Chief Financial Officer Stephanie Mullins.

📅 10 a.m. April 23
📍 Alumni House
📄 Details online

One more thing



Sun's out, Blazers out

Eclipse-gazers packed the Campus Green on Monday to watch the lunar eclipse. Catch the vibe and hear from the crowd in this [Instagram](#) video and [slideshow](#).

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