

April 16, 2024



### \$2.3 million gift to UAB establishes student scholarships

Heersink family establishes three endowed scholarships for health professions, optometry and pre-optometry students to help improve health care in Wiregrass area.



### Fun on the Green this Friday

Human Resources is hosting the third annual Meet HR and Friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Campus Green. This come-and-go event is free and open to faculty, staff, students and members of the UAB community, and features giveaways, games, music and prizes.



### ♥ Serve the community during UAB Unite Day

Faculty and staff can give back to Birmingham during UAB Unite Day 8 a.m.-noon May 4 at Glen Iris Elementary School, 1115 11th Street South. Volunteers will paint, do yard work and other indoor and outdoor projects, and breakfast and lunch will be provided. [Register](#) by May 2.

### More news online

Get campus news at [uab.edu/reporter](http://uab.edu/reporter) and [uab.edu/news](http://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



### Recycle those eclipse glasses

Now through May 1, UAB Sustainability will be collecting eclipse glasses at the Solar House and sending them to schools in Latin America so students there can safely view the next solar eclipse. Drop off your glasses at the Solar House, located at 1637 11th Ave South.



### 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.



### See latest grants and contracts online

In fiscal year 2023, UAB received \$774.5 million in research grants and extramural awards. Each Tuesday, the Office of Research publishes a list of new grants and contracts received by UAB investigators. [See the latest awardees online.](#)

### Discounted Stallions tickets for UAB employees 🐎🏈

UAB employees get a discount of about 25 percent on tickets to all home games for the Birmingham Stallions of the United Football League. Learn more about this and other perks and discounts at [uab.edu/perks](http://uab.edu/perks).

### Nominations closing soon for Excellence in Teaching awards

Nominations are still being accepted for the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award recognizes full-time regular UAB faculty who have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in teaching. The selection criteria and nomination form are online; submit by April 30 to [kd Kirk@uab.edu](mailto:kd Kirk@uab.edu).

### Who embodies UAB's unity of purpose through shared governance?

The President's Award for Excellence in Support of UAB and Shared Governance is given to an employee or student who exemplifies and embodies the UAB core value of unity of purpose through shared governance. Selection criteria are [online](#). Submissions are due to [kd Kirk@uab.edu](mailto:kd Kirk@uab.edu) by 5 p.m. May 1.

### Blazer achievements



### Lee receives NSF CAREER Award

Hui-Ting Lee, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry, was awarded the early-career development award for a project titled "Single-Molecule Study of Nucleic Acid Conformational Dynamics in Telomere."



### Asif delivers opening address at Olympic Committee conference

Irfan Asif, M.D., chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, delivered the opening keynote address at the International Olympic Committee World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport.

### Mark your calendars



### 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.



### Last call for URec's spring yoga

The final events of this free series from University Recreation are Sunset Yoga at Gold Hall Courtyard at 7 p.m. April 18 and Virtual Chair Yoga/Stretch at noon April 24.



### Buckets N Boards Comedy Percussion Show

In this spectacularly imaginative work, masterful musicians Matt Livingston and Gareth Sever coax intricate beats from a vast array of instruments and found objects.

📅 3 p.m. May 5  
📍 ASC Jemison Concert Hall  
🎟 [Buy tickets](#)

### Research & learning



### Samuelson Endowed Lecture in Public Health Practice

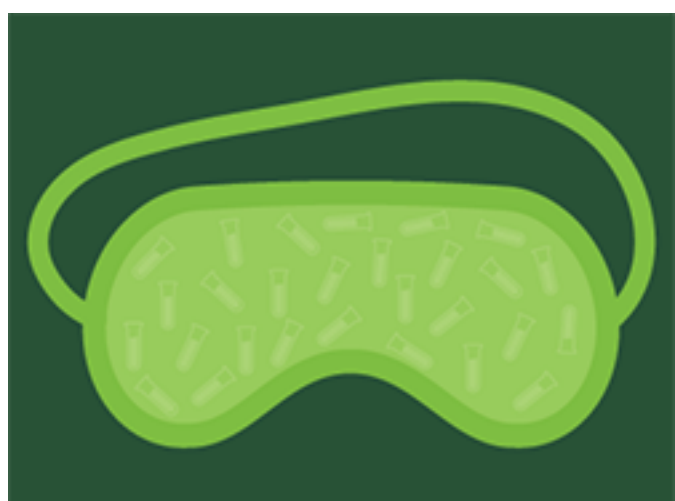
Rahul Gupta, M.D., director of National Drug Control Policy for the White House and UAB School of Public Health alumnus, will speak.

📅 11 a.m. April 18  
📍 Hill Center, Alumni Theater  
🎟 [Register online](#)



### AI Essentials

This series from Learning & Development begins with an Introduction to AI at 10:30 a.m. April 18 ([register](#)) and AI for Productivity at 10:30 a.m. April 25 ([register](#)).



### Science of Sleep: A to Zzzzz

Are you tossing and turning at night? Maybe your snoring is waking up your partner. Discover what may be happening from S. Justin Thomas, Ph.D., director of the UAB Behavioral Sleep Medicine Clinic.

📅 noon April 23  
📍 virtual  
🎟 [Register online](#)

### More learning opportunities

**Emotional Intelligence: Building Relationships and Communicating Effectively**, 1 p.m. April 17

**Introduction to EndNote**, noon April 18

**Finding Health Statistics Workshop**, noon April 24

**HPV Vaccination in the U.S.: Past and Present Challenges and Strategies Going Forward**, 12:30 p.m. April 26

### One more thing



### Powder power: The good, bad and nutrient overload

Looking to lose weight or get more nutrients in a convenient way? UAB nutrition expert Lizzy Davis, Ph.D., breaks down one of social media's latest trends.

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