

COMMUNITY MONTH 2024



JANUARY 1, 2024 - JANUARY 31, 2024

EVENT CALENDAR



TO REQUEST ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE EVENT, PLEASE EMAIL: inclusion@uab.edu

Throughout January, activities are planned to engage students, faculty, staff and the wider community in diversity programs that includes lectures, cultural programs, film screening, and games organized by various academic and support units across the campus. Many of these events allow departments and organizations to showcase their diversity efforts through presentations, lectures and performances. Others will allow participants to take part in critical dialogues.

JANUARY 8 - JANUARY 31

8 AM - 4:30 PM



Flavors of Community: A Cultural Food Drive for UAB Students

The Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is partnering with INTO UAB to host a cultural food drive to benefit UAB students during Community Month 2024. The food drive will focus on collecting culturally relevant food items for the student-focused Blazer Kitchen that are not typically donated. Blazer Kitchen serves many international students throughout the year, and ensuring these students can access foods that are both familiar to them and align with their cultural practices is vital to their overall well-being. An Amazon wish list, created in partnership with INTO UAB and Blazer Kitchen, is available to ensure donors have guidance on what foods to donate. Donations can also be dropped off directly at Blazer Kitchen, located in the Hill Student Center, room 303, as well as various drop-off locations throughout campus.



Blazer Kitchen Hill Student Center
Room 303

Donations will be accepted at Blazer Kitchen during their open hours 8 am - 4:30 pm

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Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Student Assistance & Support (Blazer Kitchen), and INTO UAB

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12:00 - 1:30 PM

JANUARY 12, 2024

Drop in Hours for those Interested in Disability & Mental Well-Being Research, Service, and Volunteer Opportunities

Come hear about various disability health and mental well-being opportunities for directed research, service and/or volunteer opportunities on campus, online, and in the community. Directed Research available for undergraduate (PUH 491), masters (HB 698), and doctoral students (HB 798) on Community Engagement and Translational Sciences in Disability Health and Mental Well-Being Promotion.



Zoom ID: 225-588-0761

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JANUARY 13, 2024

7:00 AM



MLK Day 5K Drum Run

The MLK Day 5K Drum Run is a fun and active event to celebrate the MLK Day holiday weekend. Since its 2012 inception in Atlanta, GA, the race has grown to over 2000 runners/walkers and featured over 200 drummers from metro area schools and groups.

Featuring

Birmingham High School Drum Lines



For those that would like to participate in the 5K Drum Run, please visit:
<https://www.mlkday5kbham.com/>



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2:00 PM

JANUARY 14, 2024

UAB Women's Basketball, International Student Night

Join us for the UAB women's basketball game vs SMU to celebrate international student night.



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JANUARY 15, 2024

MONDAY



MLK Beloved Community Service Day

Sponsored by the Leadership and Service Council, MLK's Beloved Community honors the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hosted on Dr. King's birthday, a federally celebrated holiday and day of service, this event provides an opportunity for UAB students to join forces with Birmingham citizens to empower and strengthen our community, moving us closer to Dr. King's global vision of a "Beloved Community." **Visit the website for ways to get involved.**



For those that would like to participate in the 5K Drum Run, please visit: <https://www.uab.edu/students/involvement/community-service/volunteerism/mlk-beloved-community>

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MONDAY

JANUARY 15, 2024

FREE MLK Day at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

Visit the BCRI website for opportunities to volunteer.



The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute



For those that would like to participate, please visit: www.bcri.org

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JANUARY 16, 2024

3:00 PM



UAB AAFA MLK Wreath Laying Ceremony

Commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with UAB's African American Faculty Association with a wreath laying ceremony.

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Steps of UAB Heritage Hall

12:00 - 1:30 PM

JANUARY 17, 2024

NCHPAD Connect: Get Connected to Free Health and Wellness Initiatives for People with Mobility Limitations

Join us to learn about NCHPAD Connect and the FREE health and wellness resources and initiatives personalized for people with mobility limitations. Mobility Limitations can be due to a variety of factors including pain, injury, chronic health conditions, and other factors impacting you getting around. They can also be congenital, temporary, or long term. Feel free to drop in for whatever time works for you or stay the entire time! Also, if you are interested in partnering to bring a wellness initiative to your department, school, clinic, or community, drop by in-person and/or zoom to discuss possibilities!

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JANUARY 17, 2024

4:00 PM



Cities & The Civil Rights Movement: Atlanta, GA & Birmingham, AL

Join us for a conversation about how cities can facilitate or hinder human rights movements. By discussing the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, our speakers will shed light on how city governments, civil society leaders, and urban geographies can advance or obstruct racial justice and human rights.

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UAB Departments of Anthropology, History, and Political Science and Public Administration and the African American Studies Program



Zoom meeting link:
<https://uab.zoom.us/j/7786271087?omn=83879264663>

6:00 PM

JANUARY 17, 2024

Wheelchair Basketball with Lakeshore Foundation vs. UAB

Get ready for an exhilarating evening of athleticism and community spirit as Disability Support Services presents its annual wheelchair basketball game! This engaging event, part of the UAB Community Week 2024 celebrations, is set to take place on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Campus Recreation Center, starting at 6 p.m. Marking its eleventh year, this game will see Team UAB fiercely competing against the Lakeshore Foundation, showcasing the remarkable skill and determination required in wheelchair sports. The night promises not just a display of competitive spirit but also fun for everyone, with door prizes and interactive halftime games for fans. Best of all, this inspiring and inclusive event is free for all to attend. Join us in cheering on Team UAB as they strive to triumph over the Lakeshore Foundation in this much-anticipated rematch on their home court. Don't miss out on this chance to celebrate the abilities and achievements of these amazing athletes!

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Disability Support Services

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UAB Campus Recreation Center

JANUARY 17, 2024

7:00 PM



UAB Men's Basketball, Faculty & Staff Appreciation Night

Join us for the UAB men's basketball game vs SMU to celebrate faculty and staff appreciation.

Discounted tickets will be available for faculty and staff.

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Bartow Arena

10 AM - 11:30 AM

JANUARY 18, 2024

Visionary Business Icons in the State of Alabama Creating Generational Wealth

This session will feature established and longtime small business owners in Alabama who have successfully navigated business challenges and opportunities for ten years or more, grew profits and workforces, and positioned their respective companies for generational success. This unique panel will explore lessons learned and provide blueprints for emerging businesses to follow.

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JANUARY 18, 2024

11 AM - 12:30 PM



MLK Commemoration: Cultural Climate and Health Equity

Join the panel discussion, and listen to the Miles College Choir.

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Spain Auditorium

8 AM - 4:00 PM

JANUARY 19, 2024

2nd Annual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Development Day

This year's conference is dedicated to fostering a more inclusive workplace environment and will feature engaging discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities centered around disabilities.

Registration is required:

https://uab.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b3m8cmiRmFuFdno



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JANUARY 19, 2024

12:00 - 1:00 PM



First Friday Conversation, Beyond the Archives: Rediscovering UAB's Narrative Through a Historical Lens

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*Speaker: Dr. Tim Pennycuff, University Archivist, Associate Professor.
Lunch will be provided at this event.*



Ryals School of Public Health
Room 121

2:00 PM

JANUARY 20, 2024

UAB Men's Basketball, Family Day

Join us for UAB men's basketball game vs East Carolina. It is our family day where fans can get a family ticket package, which will be 4 tickets for \$40.

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JANUARY 21, 2024

1:00 PM



UAB Women's Basketball

Join us for UAB women's basketball game vs UTSA.

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Bartow Arena

12:00 - 1:30 PM

JANUARY 23, 2024

Special Olympics: Come Enjoy Games with Special Olympics Alabama & Learn About Opportunities for Involvement

Join us to hear about Special Olympics, enjoy games with Special Olympics Alabama athletes, and explore opportunities to get connected.

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JANUARY 26, 2024



10:30 AM

Nature's Best Hope

Recent headlines about global insect declines and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain us. Such losses are not an option if we wish to continue our current standard of living on Planet Earth. The good news is that none of this is inevitable. Choosing the right plants for our landscapes will not only address the biodiversity crisis but help climate our climate crisis as well. Tallamy will discuss simple steps that each of us can- and must- take to reverse declining biodiversity, why we must change our adversarial relationship with nature to a collaborative one, and why we, ourselves, are nature's best hope.

Doug Tallamy is the T. A. Baker Professor of Agriculture in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 112 research publications and has taught insect related courses for 42 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His books include Bringing Nature Home, The Living Landscape, co-authored with Rick Darke, Nature's Best Hope, a New York Times Best Seller, The Nature of Oaks, winner of the American Horticultural Society's 2022 book award. In 2021 he cofounded Homegrown National Park with Michelle Alfandari. His awards include recognition from The Garden Writer's Association, Audubon, The National Wildlife Federation, Allegheny College, Ecoforesters, The Garden Club of America and The American Horticultural Association.

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UAB Alumni Theatre at the Hill Center

4:00 PM

JANUARY 28, 2024

UAB Men's Basketball, Bartow Classic

Join us for UAB men's basketball game vs Memphis.

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Bartow Arena

JANUARY 31, 2024

6:00 PM



UAB Women's Basketball, Greek Night

Join us for UAB women's basketball game vs FAU. We encourage UAB's fraternities and sororities to join us.

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