Student Life

UAB Student Experience would like to invite you to complete your UAB experience by becoming involved in the many activities and organizations available to you as a student. Events range from relaxing at free movies or comedy shows, involvement in student governance, cheering on the Blazers, writing for the Kaleidoscope student newspaper, rappelling down a cliff, hiking the Grand Canyon and so much more. Each semester brings new events, new organizations, opportunities to make friends, get physically fit, learn, socialize, relax, and have a good time becoming a part of the Blazer community! We want you to get involved!!

This section of the catalog contains an alphabetical list of many of the activities and organizations and activities available to students.

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Student Involvement & Leadership

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership is responsible for developing the leadership capacity of students and supporting student organizations as integral members of the University community by serving as a leadership and organizational development clearinghouse. The mission of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership is to serve as full partners in the collegiate experience by empowering students through intentional programs that foster personal and professional development, while enhancing campus pride and commitment to the greater Birmingham community.

Students who engage in programs, activities, and services provided by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership will be able to choose opportunities that foster collaboration with others by finding value in the contribution of viewpoints that differ from their own, develop a spirit of public-mindedness that influences civic engagement with local and global communities while creating spaces that generate a more porous and interactive flow of knowledge between campus and community, and develop their leadership and professional skills (such as critical thinking, event planning, conflict resolution), allowing them to succeed in all roles of a team and use these skills to build a foundation for future career success.

Civic Engagement

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership promotes and supports service and community involvement through engaging our students in a variety of meaningful service activities. The office serves as a resource center for community service programming in order to help students expand their understanding of social/community issues, develop leadership skills, and work on solutions to real life problems. The Blazers on Break alternative spring break program and Summer Service Weekends promotes community service, develops leadership skills, and creates strong bonds among participants who travel to another community to participate in volunteer work addressing issues such as environmental protection, children, affordable housing, hunger, education, HIV/AIDS awareness, and disabilities. Through local partner fairs and large scale programs like Into the Streets Day of Service, Awareness Weeks, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, students can get involved in many ways to make a positive difference on the lives of others in our community.

Fraternities and Sororities

Looking to excel in you academics? Have incredible leadership opportunities? Give back to the community and a cause bigger than yourself? Most importantly, looking for a home away from home? The fraternities and sororities here have set the bar high for UAB students in terms of scholarship, leadership, philanthropy and service, and brotherhood and sisterhood. We currently have over twenty fraternities and sororities across four councils: the Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Multicultural Greek Council. Our diverse groups welcome students from all backgrounds, and will help you lay a
Leadership Programs

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership coordinates campus-wide leadership programming to help students reach their potential in and out of the classroom. In addition to one-on-one leadership consultations, our office coordinates Leadership Foundations, a co-hort style leadership class, and programs such as Lunch with a Leader, Dinner with the Dean, the Fall Leadership Conference, the Winter Leadership Retreat, and the annual Etiquette Dinner.

Educating is an integral part of what our office does, whether it is offering weekly seminar-style learning through the LEAD (Leadership Education And Development) on Demand program, a chance to sharpen networking skills through an annual etiquette dinner, or how to be an effective leader as a member of UAB LEAD. We also offer a scholarship annually to an emerging leader.

Honor Societies

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Student Organizations

UAB recognizes over 150 student-led organizations concerned with the academic, social, and personal development of students. Organizations include groups with interests in religion, music, athletics, and cultural diversity. Additionally, nearly every academic major is represented by a student organization. Check out our organizations at uab.edu/bsync.

University Programs

University Programs bring entertaining, diverse, and educational events to UAB. University Programs produces Homecoming, TalentSearch, SpringFest, Fall Concert, Film Series, comedians, late night programs, music, and other special events.

Undergraduate Student Government

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Student Multicultural and Diversity Programs

Student Multicultural & Diversity Programs serves the UAB Community, especially our students, by developing programs and resources that promote multicultural and social justice awareness, education and appreciation. Additionally, we support the growth of students’ attitudes, ideas, and behaviors as they relate to multicultural issues and personal and social identities.

Student Multicultural & Diversity Programs focuses on the six areas of Cultural Engagement, Student Leadership, Dialogue and Critical Thought, Mentorship Programs, LGBTQ Programs, and Diversity Training, each creates opportunities for student involvement and education, advocacy, and awareness.

UAB Community Week

UAB Community Week is a campus-wide celebration of the diversity that exists within the UAB Community. The week and many of its events are sponsored by Student Multicultural and Diversity Programs in conjunction with the Department of Student Life and the Office for Equity and Diversity. The programs and events are designed to create awareness of different cultures and social groups by way of art, food, and musical presentations. Community Week also encourages dialogue and celebrates different racial and ethnic groups by its diverse lectures, programs, and activities. One of the signature events of the week is the President’s Diversity Award Banquet. At this event, an undergraduate, graduate and professional school student along with a faculty and staff member, are given an award for their efforts in diversity.

Free Food for Thought

Free Food For Thought is a dialogue series that encourages building a community that values diversity. Interested participants exchange viewpoints on selected topics, resulting in a greater awareness about issues and experiences across social and personal identities. Learning from one another through facilitated respectful discussion helps us value the contributions of our peers. In exchange for opinions, we provide Free Food.

International Film Series

The purpose for an International Film Series is to engage, educate, and involve the viewers beyond the visual medium. It should raise interesting questions by reflecting on shifting social or cultural boundaries or challenging certain boundaries, and allowing the viewers to reach their own conclusions. In doing so, these series of films not only aim to promote multiculturalism, but also to broaden the viewers’ emerging cultural awareness.

Multicultural Council

Interculture is UAB’s first university-wide multicultural programming committee. Resources are available to educate and encourage cross-cultural interaction among students of all races, nationalities, and ethnic origins. Heritage celebrations are held throughout the year.

International Mentor Program

UAB International Mentors is a program that provides incoming international students with valuable information about UAB, Birmingham, and the United States. International Mentors serve
the UAB international community by offering programming, support, and assistance to better meet the needs of incoming new students. The mentors are chosen through a highly selective process each spring and go through extensive training to offer the best services possible.

**Blazer Male Excellence Network**

The BMEN Peer Mentoring Program is designed to provide academic and social support to Black male students entering UAB. BMEN's overall goal is to improve the quality of life for the new student by partnering a returning student with a new student, and by staff providing information on navigating the collegiate experience inside and outside the classroom. The mentors are selected each spring and go through extensive training to offer the best services possible.

**Safe Zone**

Safe Zone is one way to say that all sexual orientations and gender representations are part of our culture and are acknowledged and supported. The Safe Zone Program provides a visible network of volunteers for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and other students seeking information and assistance regarding sexual orientation.

**Theatre Activities**

**UAB Department of Theatre**

The UAB Department of Theatre presents several productions each year in the Alys Stephens Center’s Sirote Theatre and the Odess Theatre. Students of all majors can audition, build productions and participate on running crews for credit. Special ticket pricing is available for UAB students. For more information, contact the Department of Theatre at (205) 934-3236.

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**Ambassadors**

The UAB Ambassador Program is the oldest and most prestigious student program on campus. This select group of 20 dedicated students are committed to the University by serving as the official hosts and hostesses at recognized activities and events of UAB. At all times, these student leaders represent UAB through their actions, demeanor, and speech. Ambassadors are selected each spring semester via application and interview.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, getinvolved@uab.edu, (205) 934-8020, Hill Student Center 230, www.uab.edu/studentaffairs.

**Athletic Team Support Groups**

Blazer support groups include the UAB Golden Girls, Cheerleaders (small coed), mascot (Blaze), Blazer Band, and the UAB Marching Blazers. These groups perform at UAB basketball, volleyball, and at a variety of events in Birmingham. Each spring tryouts are held and are based on performance and interviews. For more information on cheerleaders, mascot, and Golden Girls, contact the Athletic Team Support Office, Room 190, Campus Rec Center, (205) 975-5376 or email Ryan Martin at mrmartin1@uab.edu (%20rmartin1@uab.edu). For information on the Blazer Band and the UAB Marching Blazers, call the band office at (205) 975-BAND (975-2263). You can also visit the website www.uab.edu/spirit.

**Black Student Awareness Committee**

The Black Student Awareness Committee (BSAC) is a multifaceted programming board with the goal of enhancing the UAB collegiate experience through the promotion of educational events and programs that explore the diaspora of Black culture. In addition to sponsoring year-round activities such as B-Spot (a modern arts showcase), Umoja New Student Welcome, Camille Armstrong Memorial Stepshow, Kwanzaa, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week, the committee also programs and coordinates a majority of the UAB Black History Month festivities as well as countless other social justice and social programs with a focus on creating safe and positive spaces for all students. Selection for BSAC takes place in the spring semester.

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**BlazeRadio**

Hear music from your favorite artist, get the 411 on celebrity news and find out what's happening on campus 24 hours a day with BlazeRadio, UAB's student Web radio station. Tune in online, or download our Live365 smartphone app, and listen to the latest alternative, rock, hip hop, jazz, dance, and country music and more. You can also check out our popular news, sports, and talk shows that are all produced by and for UAB students.

If a job in radio is what you hope to achieve, BlazeRadio offers volunteer spots on the air and behind the scenes. Check the BlazeRadio site for details on programming, promotion, technology, and management positions. On-air slots require an audition. Get started by completing an application in the Office of Student Media.

To tune in, go to www.uab.edu/studentmedia and click on our live stream link. Our studio is located in Suite 130 in the Hill Student Center located at 1400 University Blvd. You can call us at (205) 934-3354 (WBLZ), or send us an email at info@InsideUAB.com (info@insideuab.com).

**Good Games UAB**

The Good Games UAB (ggUAB) program aims to create an environment that fosters a community of students with diverse backgrounds who actively engage in numerous eSports initiatives and activities throughout the school year. Our organization provides extensive programming,
hands-on experience and mentoring to promote eSports culture within the community while increasing career awareness for students looking to jump-start their journey into the industry by connecting them with companies in the Greater Birmingham area. All students enrolled at UAB are eligible for membership.

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Leadership and Service Council (LSC)

The LSC consists of 12 selected student leaders and is responsible for coordinating various events and programs related to serving others and creating awareness for current social issues. Advised by the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership, LSC has five committees, and these student leaders are responsible for all aspects of events sponsored by the LSC, including event logistics, marketing, and volunteers. LSC also assists with the planning and execution of other events sponsored by Civic Engagement, including Civic Engagement Fairs, Blazers on Break, and Summer Service Weekends. Selection for this council takes place in the spring semester.

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Miss UAB

The spotlight shines on students both on stage and behind the scenes in the Miss UAB Scholarship Pageant, an official preliminary to the Miss Alabama and Miss America pageants. Held each fall, the pageant showcases each contestant’s talent and achievement and provides scholarships to help them pursue educational goals. Get involved by joining the pageant’s planning committees which promote the contestants, produce the show, recruit judges, or take the stage as a contestant!

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Music Ensembles

Students of all majors are invited to participate in instrumental or vocal music ensembles offered through the Department of Music. Each group performs on campus several times each year; some also perform for selected off-campus events. Some prior experience and brief auditions are required. Several scholarships are available each year for students who perform with these groups. For more information, contact the Department of Music, (205) 934-7376.

Vocal Groups

Chamber Singers

This choral ensemble performs a variety of music representing different periods and styles. The group is open to students of all majors. A short audition is required. For more information, please contact Dr. Brian Kittredge at (205) 975-2599 or briank@uab.edu.

Concert Choir

This auditioned choral ensemble performs music representing a variety of periods and styles. Some music-reading ability is needed. The group is open to students of all majors. A short audition is required. For more information, please contact Dr. Brian Kittredge at (205) 975-2599 or briank@uab.edu.

Gospel Choir

This ensemble primarily performs choral literature from the major eras of American Gospel Music. It is open to students of all majors. Students with significant skill in playing gospel, jazz and/or pop keyboard, rhythm guitar, bass guitar, saxophone, and drums are also encouraged to participate in the Gospel Choir. For more information, please contact Mr. Kevin Turner at (205) 934-6155 or kturner@uab.edu.

Opera Workshop

This ensemble performs opera scenes and musical theater excerpts, as well as fully staged, complete operas. It is open to students of all majors. A short audition is required. For more information, please contact Dr. Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk at (205) 934-8906 or maito:khw@uab.edu.

Bands

Blazer Band

As part of the university band program, the Blazer Band provides support for UAB Blazer basketball. It performs at all home and selected away games and for post-season events such as the annual Conference USA tournament. For further information, please contact the band office at (205) 975-BAND (975-2263).

Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos

Instrumentalists can further their musical knowledge and creative skills by performing classic and contemporary jazz, swing, and rhythm and blues. For further information, please contact Dr. Steve Roberts at (205) 934-6154 or jazztpt@uab.edu.

UAB Marching Blazers

The UAB Marching Blazers is part of the university band program, and produces high-quality experiences for students and fantastic entertainment for diverse audiences. The Marching Blazers go beyond the traditional role of collegiate marching bands by performing for professional sporting events; local, regional, and national marching band competitions and parades; and international travel and competitions. Scholarships are available. For further information, contact the band office at (205) 975-BAND (975-2263).

Wind Symphony and Symphony Band

As part of the university band program, the Wind Symphony and Symphony Band perform the finest concert band literature in campus concerts, selected special performances, and an annual spring tour. Band placement is contingent upon a brief audition.
Scholarships are available for students who participate in the Wind Symphony or Symphony Band and the Marching Blazers. For further information, please contact the band office at (205) 975-BAND (975-2263).

**Student Media**

*Kaleidoscope*, UAB’s student newspaper, was here before there was a UAB. Students have been gathering, editing, and distributing the news about the UAB community since 1967.

Throughout the years, “Kscope,” as it is known on campus, has played a vital role in helping keep students informed as well as providing a public forum for the discussion of timely issues of interest to our community.

As times have changed, so has UAB’s Student Media -- trading in typewriters for computers, adding more color to its print edition, and aggressively converging what had once been a print-only medium into a contemporary operation that delivers content not only in print but daily on the web and through mobile devices.

And, UAB’s Student Media has expanded along the way with these innovative media:

- Interactive Student Media, the web services group that powers *Kscope* online.
- Streaming internet radio (BlazeRadio [http://www.uab.edu/studentmedia])
- Literary and visual arts magazine (*Aura* Literary Arts Review)
- Television web channel (UABTV [http://www.uab.edu/studentmedia])

Regardless of the medium, however, at the heart of these operations are students who gain real-world experience and training that has equipped them for entry into the professional world. Over the years, teams of students have won numerous regional and national awards for journalistic excellence.

Student Media alums have gone on to work for a variety of media, ranging from community journalism to major metropolitan operations across the U.S. with most crediting their experiences with student media at UAB as essential to their careers.

Today, students produce content for all facets of these operations, including wrangling multimedia and mobile technologies to adapt the medium for display on smartphones and tablets. These innovations are produced by students themselves and are among some of the most cutting-edge concepts in collegiate journalism in the nation.

Student Media is always looking for those who want to join a team dedicated to finding the next great idea in serving our community. Perhaps that’s you. Contact us today.

For more information, contact:

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**UAB TrailBlazers**

The UAB TrailBlazers ([http://www.uab.edu/trailblazers](http://www.uab.edu/trailblazers)) are UAB’s official student recruitment team. TrailBlazers assist the Office of New Student Programs by providing in-depth information about UAB to prospective students and their families. Chosen annually, TrailBlazers strive to ensure that students know about the diverse academic, cultural, and extracurricular interests found within the UAB community. These highly motivated, energetic, and dedicated students are chosen to represent the Division of Enrollment Management at special on- and off-campus recruitment events and campus tours. For more information, contact the Office of New Student Programs Campus Visit Center, Hill Student Center, Suite 201, (205) 934-9098 or TrailBlazers@uab.edu.

**UAB LEAD**

UAB LEAD is a student-led organization responsible for coordinating leadership events and activities for UAB students. UAB LEAD assists in the development of the Fall Leadership Conference, Winter Leadership Retreat, Leadership Lectures, workshops for other student organizations which include leadership development, icebreakers and introductions, communication and conflict resolution, and strategic management, etc.

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**University Programs Board**

The University Programs Board (UPB) is the student programming organization on campus. UPB works cooperatively with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership to provide programs, entertainment, activities, and special events such as homecoming, Miss UAB, comedians, concerts, movies, and other special events.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, getinvolved@uab.edu, (205) 934-8020, Hill Student Center 230, www.uab.edu/studentaffairs.

**Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct**
The Office of Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct aims to provide developmental learning, holistic engagement, and preventative education to every member of the UAB community.

The Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct staff aims to:

• Work with students to help identify and overcome barriers to success
• Help students get connected to campus and community resources
• Serve as advocates to help students navigate the university system
• Provide referrals for longer-term care
• Conduct outreach and education to students and other campus community partners on relevant issues students may face
• Serve in consultation with staff, faculty, students, and families
• Interpret and uphold the University Non-Academic Code of Conduct to provide a safe and inclusive campus community environment

For more information, contact the Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct, sarc@uab.edu (205) 975-9509, or uab.edu/sarc

You’re not alone; we are here to help

Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct is committed to nurturing, protecting, and providing for its students. If you or someone you know is the victim of a physical or sexual assault or domestic violence, please remember; you are not alone. It is not your fault. UAB departments such as Counseling Services, Student Health and Wellness, and Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct are here to offer assistance. Within Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct, we have Case Managers to work closely and confidentially with undergraduate and graduate students. We will help you report a crime, receive medical attention, or get you connected to the right resources. If you or someone you know is struggling with depression, thoughts of suicide, or alcohol or drug abuse, we have assembled a list of medical professionals, counselors and support agencies, both on and off campus, to aid in your success at UAB. Visit the Student Advocacy, Rights and Conduct web site at: uab.edu/sarc.

Title IX

The University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Student Experience oversees the University’s compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The Office works with students, University administration, departments, faculty, staff, campus police, and other support services to ensure that University policies and programs foster a campus community free of illegal gender discrimination and from all forms of violence, including sexual misconduct, examples of which can include acts of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and gender based discrimination. Visit the Title IX Website at: uab.edu/titleix

UAB CARE Team

When you are concerned about a student, know that the CARE Team is here to help. The UAB CARE Team (Communicate, Assess, Refer, Educate) helps find solutions for students experiencing academic, social, and crisis situations, including mental health concerns. Members of the University community can report a concern for a student who might benefit from services. We review these reports to understand each student issue and the on and off campus resources that may guide them to success.

The CARE Team steps in to connect students with relevant campus resources and outside agencies. Most times, we may need to communicate with the reporting party to help accurately assess the needs of the student. The CARE Team will also reach out to the student to understand his/her situation and develop a plan of action leading towards his/her success.