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## UAH turns 55: Celebrate The University of Alabama in Huntsville's past, present and future in 2024

UAH officially became an autonomous university within The University of Alabama System on June 16, 1969 – 55 years ago in 2024. Join us as we celebrate the people and achievements that have brought us to where we are today: a Carnegie R1 top-tier research university with eight colleges, more than 100 areas of study and 17 high-tech research centers.

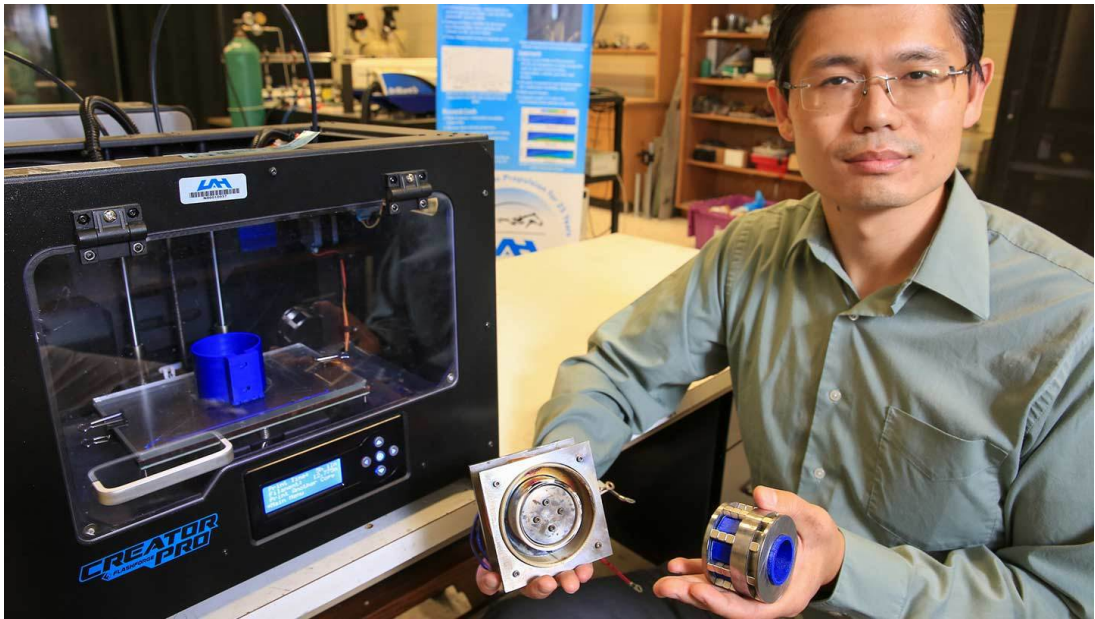
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## UAH hosts 15th annual Rocket City Weather Fest with meteorologists focusing on communication: "We have to do better"

Longtime Birmingham meteorologist James Spann and Grace Anello, a meteorologist at WAAY-TV, Channel 31, discussed the need to provide better communication during severe weather when UAH hosted the 15th annual Rocket City Weather Fest on Feb. 10. The event was organized by the American Meteorology Society and featured tours of the UAH Severe Weather Institute and Radar & Lightning Laboratories and other campus sites.

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## Dr. Gabe Xu wins \$75K McMahon-Pleiad Prize from University of Alabama System in recognition of research contributions

Dr. Gabe Xu, an associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering in the UAH College of



Engineering, received the 2023 University of Alabama System McMahon-Pleiad Prize. This award recognizes contributions to teaching, research or service in alignment with the UA System's mission, values and core principles.

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## UAH Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Ron Ross discusses cybersecurity threats and strategies to prevent them

Dr. Ron Ross, a fellow at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, delivered a sobering perspective on the state of cybersecurity threats at the most recent event in the UAH Distinguished Lecture Series. Ross focused on proactive steps needed to meet the ever-evolving cyber challenges as well as how the U.S. must continually rethink methods and strategies in a rapidly shifting security landscape.

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## Men's basketball headed to GSC semifinals, rises to fifth in NCAA South Region rankings

The UAH men's basketball team, seeded third, secured a spot in the 2024 Gulf South Conference semifinals with a commanding 81-64 victory over the sixth-seeded Christian Brothers. The Chargers are set to face off against second-seeded Lee in the GSC tournament semifinals on Saturday at 7:15 p.m. The pivotal matchups will unfold at Samford University's Pete Hanna Center, promising an intense battle for a coveted championship spot.

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UAH features acclaimed poet, soprano in annual Black History Month celebration focusing on African Americans and the Arts

UAH welcomed Ashley M. Jones, poet laureate of Alabama, and soprano Dr. Phyllis Lewis-Hale, director of the Opera/Musical Theatre Workshop at Jackson State University, to campus on Feb. 15 to headline our celebration of Black History Month. UAH's annual luncheon and other events reflected African Americans and the Arts, the 2024 Black History Month theme.

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## UAH students learn about diverse FBI career opportunities at internship information session

UAH students learned about FBI career opportunities and how to apply for them during an information session on Feb. 20 about the 2025 FBI Honors Internship Program. One of the biggest takeaways: No matter what your major, the agency can use your skills. FBI recruiters from the Birmingham field office described some of the available positions plus student opportunities and the benefits that come from working for the federal government.

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Reminder: The university will be closed for Spring Break March 11-15, 2024.

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