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UAH researcher to study life expectancy inequities in Alabama through \$25K Johns Hopkins Bloomberg grant

Dr. Azita Amiri has been awarded a \$25,000 grant by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to examine life expectancy inequities in Alabama. The state is one of the lowest ranked in life expectancy, and the researcher will use her findings to develop a community-centric blueprint to address social environmental determinants of health in the region.

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UAH greets new, returning students Aug. 10-19 with Week of Welcome

The Week of Welcome experience is when UAH hosts events and activities designed to help students figure out ways to fit in and stand out as a UAH Charger. “The days are packed with social, educational and informational programs that let students interact with administrators, faculty, staff and other students,” says Nikki Goode, director of Student Life.

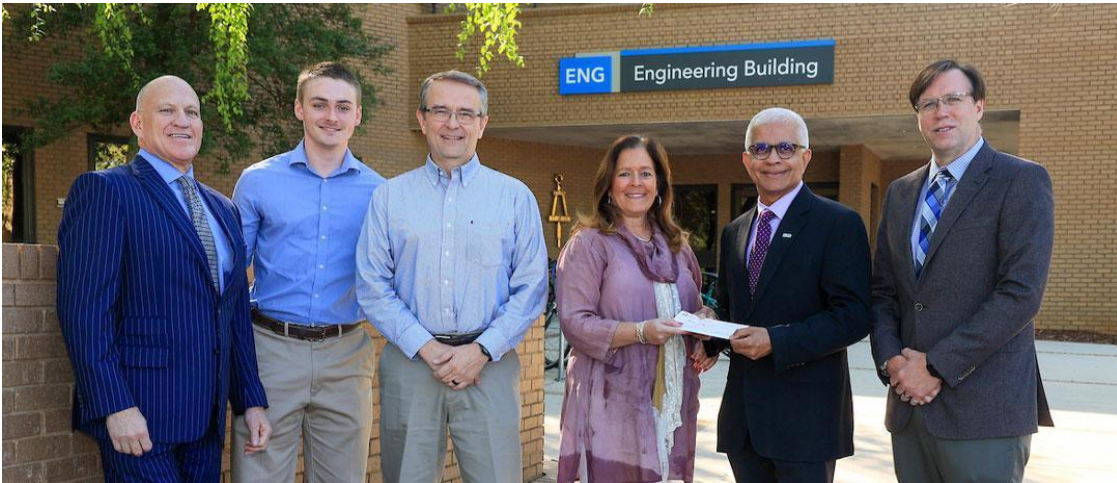
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UAH Ability Sport Network hosts boccia clinic with Huntsville Parks and Recreation

The UAH Ability Sport Network sponsored a free boccia clinic for ages 6 and up that was led by Mark Flora-Swick, who has been a coach and official for USA Boccia at the international level. This Paralympic sport is a throwing game of strategy and accuracy played by people with many types of impairments. Boccia is played with colored balls on a flat, smooth surface.

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UAH College of Engineering receives \$3.1M Andrew and Betty Ventre Memorial Fellowship Fund

“The Andrew and Betty Ventre Memorial Fellowship will enable the college to graduate additional Ph.D. students and help boost our national and international ranking in research,” says Dr. Shankar Mahalingam, dean, College of Engineering. “We are extremely grateful to the Ventre family for their generous gift.”

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40 new faculty members join UAH this fall

Forty new assistant and associate professors, instructors and lecturers will join the faculty at The University of Alabama in Huntsville when classes for the fall 2023 semester begin on Aug. 14.

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[OLLI at UAH will hold fall 2023 open house on Aug. 11 as it celebrates 30 years of learning](#)

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Learn more about OLLI at The University of Alabama in Huntsville at an open house on Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon in the lobby of Wilson Hall on the UAH campus. The fall term for this group of lifelong learners age 50 and up starts on Sept. 11 and features 60 courses on a wide variety of subjects.

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