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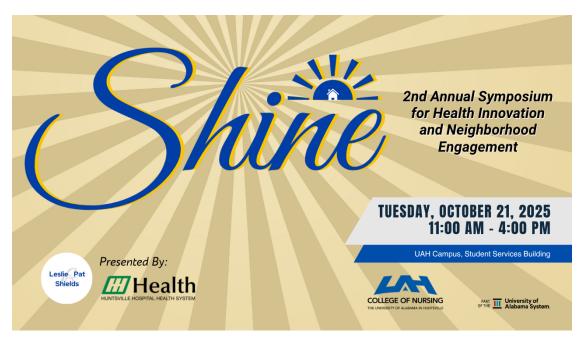


# UAH attracts top students as freshman enrollment grows for second year

UAH enrolled 1,220 new freshmen for Fall 2025, part of an overall increase in first-time undergraduate students. This is the second consecutive year of increasing the first-year class. Even more notably, this year's incoming class brings some of the strongest academic credentials in recent history, with an average ACT score of 27 and an average GPA of 3.97, both reflecting nearly a 2% increase over last year.

"We're proud to see not only steady interest in UAH but also increasing academic strength in our newest students," said Dr. Chuck Karr, President of UAH. "It's a testament to our faculty, our programs and our growing reputation for providing a world-class education with personal support."

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### Lighting the Way to Better Health: SHINE 2025

SHINE 2025, the Symposium for Health Innovation and Neighborhood Engagement, returns to UAH on Oct. 21. Hosted by the College of Nursing, <u>SHINE</u> brings together health professionals, policymakers and community leaders to address health disparities and drive innovation in care.

"At UAH, we're committed to serving our region through collaborative research, community partnerships and hands-on outreach that make a tangible difference in people's lives," said Dr. Karen Frith.

Highlights include a keynote by Dr. Tisamarie Sherry, Vice President for Health Policy at the Urban Institute, as well as expert panels, a networking reception and the unveiling of a major community health initiative.





## New Gulf Scholars Certificate Program offers fully funded, hands-on learning opportunity

UAH, in partnership with Calhoun Community College, is now offering students a chance to make a real impact through the Gulf Scholars Program (GSP) — a fully funded, interdisciplinary certificate program that prepares undergraduates to address environmental, health and infrastructure challenges in the Gulf region.

Participants receive tuition support, funding for projects and travel, and mentorship from faculty and partners like Energy Alabama. The program is open to undergraduate students from any major, and applications are open now.

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## UAH College of Business receives \$50K partnership donation from SAIC for new Cloud Center of Excellence

The UAH College of Business recently announced the launch of the UAH Cloud Center of Excellence. Made possible by a \$50,000 donation from Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), the program will provide students with direct access to cloud-computing education and trainings in order to grow their professional development skills and expand the pipeline of skilled cyber professionals across the defense industrial ecosystem.

"We are truly grateful for SAIC's support of our cloud-computing curriculum," said Dr. Jason Greene, dean of the College of Business. "SAIC's continued leadership and commitment to education will directly enhance our business curriculum, provide access to industry-recognized certifications for students, and expand professional development opportunities for faculty. We are proud to build on a 15-year collaboration with SAIC to expand opportunities for students to succeed in technology-focused careers."

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# Dr. Gary Zank awarded 2025 John Adam Fleming Medal, top prize in space physics

Dr. Gary Zank, director of the <u>Center for Space Plasma and Aeronomic Research (CSPAR)</u> at UAH, has been selected to receive the 2025 John Adam Fleming Medal from the American Geophysical Union—the highest honor in space physics.

"This was a wonderful and unexpected surprise, and I am deeply honored to receive the Fleming Medal," Zank says, noting that past winners were giants in the field of space physics, including people

like Eugene Parker, after whom the current NASA spacecraft Parker Solar Probe is named. "I have been very fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful students, postdocs and scientists throughout my career, and doing research with all of them has been one of the great joys of my life."

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### Spark your passion for STEM with hands-on fun at STEAMfest 2025

UAH is proud to host STEAMfest 2025, presented by the Alabama Science Festival, on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival aims to inspire and showcase STEM opportunities through over 100 interactive booths and activities. Attendees can explore science, meet experts and enjoy a day of fun and learning! Admission and parking are free.

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## Ahmed Ibrahim and Tommy Murr earn national and conference honors for UAH

Two standout student-athletes from UAH recently earned prestigious conference honors for their exceptional performances both on the field and in the classroom.

Ahmed Ibrahim has made an impressive start to his UAH cross-country career, earning both <u>Gulf South Conference (GSC) Runner of the Week</u> and the prestigious <u>Division II National Athlete of the Week</u> honors from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). Ibrahim won the individual title at the Lucian Rosa Invitational with a time of 24:10.0 in the 8K, defeating six of last year's NCAA Division II All-Americans. This performance ranks eighth all-time in UAH men's cross-country history.

Meanwhile, men's basketball standout **Tommy Murr** was recently named the <u>2024-25 South Region Scholar-Athlete of the Year</u> by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association. Murr graduated in Spring 2025 with a 3.67 GPA in business management and averaged 20.8 points per game while leading all Division II players with a 93.8% free throw percentage. He was also Gulf South Conference Player of the Year and helped lead UAH to a 32-2 season.

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## SAVE THE DATE: Mayor's Cup returns with UAH vs. Alabama A&M basketball doubleheader

The Mayor's Cup returns Monday, Oct. 27! Held on the Alabama A&M campus, the event will reignite Huntsville's cross-town basketball rivalry as UAH and Alabama A&M go head-to-head in a fierce exhibition doubleheader.

Both the men's and women's teams will clash in this high-energy showdown, bringing pride, bragging rights and city-wide competition back to the court. The women's game begins at 5 p.m.; the men play at 7 p.m.

Click the link below to check out a list of other upcoming events across campus!

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