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UAB Family Focus

UAB Computer Tips

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Students face many challenges while attending school. One would hope that sitting down and using one's own computer would not constitute one of those challenges. Students and parents need to use some caution when using a computer. The internet is full of people that are out to damage or steal from you. There are a few things you can do to mitigate potential data disasters. We'll look at e-mail first. Always look at the sender of an e-mail before you open the message. If the sender seems phony don't open it. You should look at the subject line of a message. If you notice poor grammar or misspelled words, it is likely a malicious message. If the message itself is offering something too good to be true, it is malicious. The deposed king of Nigeria is NOT e-mailing you. You are NOT a long lost relative of someone that won the lottery. You did NOT over pay your taxes and are due a large refund. If any message you get ever asks for usernames or passwords or account information, delete it!

Many messages you may get don't have any of the above tells of a malicious message. They may contain a link to a website, or they might be friend requests from places like Facebook. Before you click on any website link in an e-mail, hover your mouse cursor over the link. Many times the link you think you are selecting is taking you to a virus-ridden website. If you hover your mouse over the link you can tell what site you are actually surfing. For example you get a message that has a friend request that tells you to click HERE to confirm the request. If you hover over the link you will see that the website it is taking you to is <http://www.faouxxxsebook.com/iownyourcomputer/andallyourdata>. Put simply it is better to be cautious and over delete messages than it is to take chances with any electronic communication.

Check Out:

www.uab.edu/it

For more information regarding
Information Technology (IT) resources and
useful contacts at UAB!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 20097:30P Blaze the Night Pep-Rally (Mini Park) **FREE****FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009**12:00P Homecoming Parade (University Blvd.) **FREE**1:00P Family Weekend Reception (The Green) **FREE**

5:30P Dinner with your Student (Commons on the Green)

5:30P Global Community Leadership (GCL) Honor Program Family Members Meet & Greet (Heritage Hall Bldg. 526) **GCL Families Only**7:30P UAB Music Department: Jazz Combos in Concert (Mary Culp Hulsey Hall) **FREE**

7:30P Hubbard Street 2 Dance Company (Alys Stephens Center)

8:00P Alabama Symphony Orchestra: Master Works Lansky Guitar Concerto (Alys Stephens Center)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009 (GAME-DAY)7:30A Service Project or Tour of Birmingham
GCL Families11:00A Parents' Association Tailgate (Blazer Village) **PA MEMBERS ONLY**

1:00P Kick-Off (UAB v. Florida Atlantic)

7:30P Hubbard Street 2 Dance Company (Alys Stephens Center)

8:00P Alabama Symphony Orchestra: Master Works Lansky Guitar Concerto (Alys Stephens Center)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

2:30P Hubbard Street 2 Dance Company (Alys Stephens Center)

All events marked "**FREE**" are free admission for Parents' Association members. Please have your membership card to show at the gate as proof.

All events not marked "**FREE**" require you to purchase additional tickets to attend, Please contact the Alys Stephens Center for more information)

All events marked "**GCL Families**" are arranged for parents and family members of students in the Global Community Leadership Honors Program. Please contact the GCL Honors Program directly for more information.



Please join us for the second annual UAB Family Weekend and Tailgate event hosted by the UAB Parents' Association. Visit with your student and enjoy all the fun of Homecoming - including a special Blazer Village tailgate exclusive to Parents' Association members.

You can register now for the tailgate and family weekend events - first-year members get two complimentary tickets, and all others get discounted tickets and a tailgate meal ticket for \$20 each. Visit us online at www.uab.edu/parents and follow the link to *Parents' Association Fall Event Ticket Reservations* to sign up for the Family Weekend and Parents' Association tailgate events.

If you have questions or need further information please call 205/975-7999.



November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 UAB FAMILY	6 WEEKEND	7 PA TAILGATE 11AM, Legion Field
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 NO CLASSES	26 Thanksgiving	27 NO CLASSES	28
29	30					