

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 4
HOMECOMING
2023

“Y2Blaze”

ALL EVENT PARTICIPATION APPLICATIONS TO
BE COMPLETED ONLINE

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HOMECOMING COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The purpose of the UAB Homecoming Competition is to promote school spirit and greater involvement among UAB faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Any school, department, or unit of UAB is eligible to participate in this competition.

The winners of the various UAB Homecoming Competitions will be presented with awards or plaques during the main athletic Homecoming event.

The deadline for all applications is Friday, October 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. All applications will be completed online at uab.edu/homecoming.

1. Blazer Build It Competition

Categories:

- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place (1st Place will also receive \$250.00*)
- Most Creative
- Best Use of Theme

2. Gurney Derby Race

Categories:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Place
- Best Dressed Gurney
- Most Creative Passenger
- Dead Last Award (this award will be presented to the team with the slowest time)

3. Parade Float Competition

Categories:

- Most Creative Float Design
- Best Use of Homecoming Theme
- Best Display of Blazer Spirit

4. Blazer Pride Award

*All prize money will be deposited in a school-related alumni chapter account to be used for alumni activities.

COMPETITION RULES

BLAZER BUILD IT COMPETITION – SPONSORED BY THE UAB NATIONAL ALUMNI SOCIETY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 @ 5 PM

EVENT DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023 @ 11 AM

*PLEASE SEE HANDOUT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLAZER BUILD IT COMPETITION.

The judges for the competition are as follows: a representative from Alumni Affairs, Athletics, Student Affairs, UAB Creative and Marketing, the NAS President, and Mr. & Ms. UAB.

COMPETITION RULES

GURNEY DERBY COMPETITION – SPONSORED BY THE UAB NATIONAL ALUMNI SOCIETY

APPLICATION DEADLINE:	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 @ 5 PM
EVENT DATE/TIME:	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023
	CHECK-IN @ 11 AM RACE BEGINS @ NOON

TEAMS

Teams must consist of four members, two male and two female, with one pushing/pulling at each corner of the gurney and must provide a “passenger” to ride on the gurney. This “passenger” must be a non-living subject (i.e. stuffed shirt and pants, mannequin, etc. - be creative). Each team must also supply a 2-member pit crew to help with race day preparations. Since there will be a limited number of gurneys available for the race, teams will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any team associated with UAB is eligible to enter the race.

RULES

If the gurney is turned loose by any team member while the gurney is in motion, the team will be immediately disqualified. No team member may “ride” or coast on the gurney. These teams will be immediately disqualified. Any interference, intentional or accidental, with other teams during the race may result in disqualification. Each team must make an effort to compete. Walking will result in disqualification. Each team member will be required to wear a (bicycle) helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads, and knee pads. Wrist guards, elbow pads, and knee pads will be provided by the Alumni Affairs Office. Each team must provide their own helmets. Teams will not be allowed to participate without helmets, wrist guards, elbow pads, and knee pads.

TO ENTER

Complete the online registration form (uab.edu/homecoming) or the attached form, sign the liability waiver, and return it to the Alumni Affairs Office by 5 PM Friday, October 1, 2021. If the form is not complete, your team will be ineligible to race. Any and all substitutions of team members must be declared, with waivers signed, by 11 AM the day of the race. Due to the popularity of this event, no exceptions will be made. Gurneys will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to allow for schools or student organizations to enter teams. No more than two teams per school/organization allowed.

THE RACE

The race begins at Noon. All team captains and all team members must be at the assigned race location by 11 AM on race day for check-in, assignment of gurneys, organization of teams, and gurney decoration. If your team is not checked in by 11:30 AM, you will not be qualified to participate, and we will go to alternates. The racecourse will be the same as last year. (10th Avenue South between the EEC & ASC). The race will run in “heats.” The top 4 times overall will run in the Championship Run. The Championship Run will take place 5-10 minutes after the last heat. Winners will be recognized and awarded directly after.

THE COURSE

At the sound of the starting pistol, the crew will push the gurney and its passenger down the course as quickly and safely as possible. Upon reaching the orange pylons, the crew must go past the pylons, and each team member must turn around and push the gurney and the passenger back up to the beginning position, across the finish line (the former starting point). **NOTE: EACH TEAM MEMBER MUST TURN - DO NOT TURN THE GURNEY.**

AWARDS

It is possible for a team to win one or more of these awards!

- **1ST, 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH PLACE:** The top four teams and passenger to cross the finish line will receive awards
- **BEST DRESSED GURNEY:** The best/most creatively, decorated gurney will receive a plaque and will be given the opportunity to walk in the Homecoming Parade
- **MOST CREATIVE PASSENGER:** The best/most creatively, costumed passenger will receive a plaque
- **DEAD LAST AWARD:** This award will be presented to the team with the slowest overall time

COMPETITION RULES

PARADE FLOAT COMPETITION – SPONSORED BY THE UAB NATIONAL ALUMNI SOCIETY

APPLICATION DEADLINE:	TBD (SIL OFFICE)
EVENT DATE/TIME:	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023 @ NOON
	LINE-UP BEGINS @ 9 AM LINE-UP BY 10 AM JUDGING BEGINS @ 11 AM
	(14 TH STREET SOUTH: Turn onto 14 th from University heading South to be put in the appropriate line.)

CRITERIA FOR PARADE FLOAT COMPETITION:

- Incorporation of UAB Homecoming Theme
- UAB Spirit
- Enthusiasm

This competition is heavily weighted on the decoration of the actual float. The goal is to display UAB spirit through the decorations on and around your float. All entries must be in good taste and will be checked before being allowed to enter the parade.

The judges for the Alumni Parade Float Competition are representatives of UAB Office of Alumni Affairs.

The below parade competition award recipients will be notified on-site. The UAB Homecoming Committee will also be giving specific awards to those who chose to be judged by them.

- Most Creative Float Design
- Best Use of Homecoming Theme
- Best Display of Blazer Pride

Please Note: The number of people riding or walking in the parade is limited to eight (8) per group.

MR. & MS. UAB IMPORTANT DATES

TO SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS, CALL 205.934.3555

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY MIDNIGHT ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023**

www.uab.edu/homecoming

ORIENTATION DATES

*ALL APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND ONE ORIENTATION

Thursday, October 5 | 12:00 PM

Friday, October 6 | 9:00 AM

Monday, October 9 | 11:00 AM

Tuesday, October 10 | 1:00 PM

Wednesday, October 11 | 3:00 PM

FIRST ROUND INTERVIEWS

POSTING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 @ NOON BY EMAIL/ONLINE

Wednesday, October 18 | 1-8:00 PM

UAB National Alumni Society House | 1301 10th Avenue South

*Required to attend interviews

POSTING/EMAILING OF THE TOP 10

Friday, October 20 | Noon

**Items below refer to events for TOP TEN FINALISTS ONLY. You will know on
Friday, October 20 at Noon if the information below applies to you.**

FINAL INTERVIEWS FOR TOP 10

Wednesday, October 25 | 2-5 PM

UAB National Alumni Society House | 1301 10th Avenue South

*Required to attend interviews

PARADE

Friday, November 3 | Noon

Meet at 14th Street South & 10th Avenue South

You will have to arrive around 10:30 AM

*Required to attend parade

REHEARSAL FOR HALFTIME PRESENTATION

Friday, November 3 | Time TBD

*Required to attend rehearsal

HOMECOMING DAY

Saturday, November 4 | Pre-Game Announcements & Football Game

SPIRIT SONGS

UAB ALMA MATER

Here in Alabama, a place of rich diversity,
stands our Alma Mater. We cherish her integrity.

May each loyal son and daughter wear
proudly the colors green and gold.
Praise to thee, our UAB. Her honor we uphold.

Yearning minds of age and youth
live and love her noble truth.
Moving ahead with blazing speed
t'wards knowledge to empow'r,
in the heart of Birmingham our UAB stands proud.

FIGHT SONG

At UAB in Birmingham
All hail our players bold
They are the mighty Blazers
Who wear the green and gold

Tonight let's fire their golden blaze
The flame of victory
Go, Blazers! Go, Blazers!
Win for UAB!

BLAZER VICTORY

All hail Alma Mater
We sing this song for thee
Raise up the banner
For Blazer victory!

All hail Alma Mater
We pledge to always be
Ever faithful, ever loyal
To dear old UAB!