ETHICS

Ethics are those principles which guide us. However, in today’s world, it seems that many people have few, if any, ethics or moral principles personally or professionally.

At Work
UAB has set forth guidelines on its Ethics Matter website. The cornerstone is the UAB Enterprise Code of Conduct, which most of you were required to read and adhere to upon hiring. If you have questions about what and how to report, UAB has provided that information for you as well on the Reporting Responsibility website.

Outside Work
The above information is about UAB and ethics. What about your ethics – honesty, integrity, promise-keeping, trustworthiness, loyalty, fairness, concern and respect for others, accountability, and a commitment to excellence. Perhaps you’ve never thought about these principles before. What do you value? What does your code of ethics say about you?

We encourage you to think about your personal, professional values as well as those at UAB. Below are several call to action items to assist you. Strive to be a better person no matter what those around you may do, and improve your world for the better.

CALL TO ACTION:
1. Watch A Simple Approach to Personal Ethics – 2m 33s – This week write down what you value and share it with family or close friends.
2. Work on being a more ethical person. Choose one or two principles, from the above list, and work on growing in those areas.
3. Read the UAB Enterprise Code of Conduct and get re-acquainted with their principles. Ask your manager if you have questions.
4. Learn about the Alabama Ethics Law and other Related UAB Policies so that you’ll know what UAB values and supports.

KEEP ON LEARNING
- Read Forbes article, Six Ways to Live Your Values and Create a More Ethical Workplace by Monica Thakrar (11/14/17) about 5 to 7 minutes
- Listen to the audio on How to be a Positive Leader from the course Leading Ethically - 2m 11s
- Watch Ethical Communication from the course Organization Communication – 4m 30s