Fouad named to NIH minority health advisory council

Professor Mona Fouad, M.D., director of the UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

She will advise and make recommendations regarding research, training, health-information dissemination and other programs of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

“The reasons for health disparities are complex, and we need to involve the scientific and medical communities, government agencies and all stakeholders in expanding and encouraging minority health and health-disparities research and training programs,” said Fouad, whose research studies totaling $50 million have this overarching goal. “Health equity is a shared responsibility.”

In her new role, Fouad will participate in the development of a comprehensive strategic plan that establishes objectives, priorities, policies and budgets governing the conduct of all NIH minority health and health-disparities research and training activities. She also will provide leadership in expanding the pool of experienced investigators in the areas of minority health and health-disparities research.

Fouad is the founding director of the UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center, a comprehensive research, training and community-outreach center with a mission to reduce and eventually eliminate health disparities.

Students promote SciTech’s Tucker for national award

Collaborations with genetics, physiology, cell biology and other departments enabled Diane Tucker, Ph.D., to connect, interact with and learn from researchers throughout the university during her time in the psychology department. And it was her own experience that prompted her to consider the opportunities and resources her undergraduate students needed to develop varying lab skills.

Tucker’s vision that the campus could work together to provide an exciting set of research opportunities for undergraduates led to the creation of The Science and Technology Honors Program. Tucker recently received national recognition as one of four teachers selected for the “Celebration of Teaching Tributes” award.

“Just thought if we gave them the tools and experience they needed that they could do tremendous things as undergraduates,” Tucker says. “It was an opportunity to work with our wonderful colleagues here at UAB to create something I think is pretty unique.”

Now, undergraduate students have the opportunity to think like scientists and contribute in a scientific context. Many of them pair with mentors across campus as freshman and learn to navigate the lab. No one is more thankful than the students Tucker teaches and mentors through the SciTech program. That was evidenced by any loving mother, Angela Anderson loves to see her son smile. She hasn’t seen many since 7-year-old Dustin was diagnosed with cancer New Year’s Eve.

But for a few minutes on a cold winter morning, Dustin’s eyes light up in a room and his smile returns. He is allowed a brief moment to forget about his pain, and Anderson is able to make a positive lasting memory in a time of chaos and confusion. Breedster, a flat coat retriever, is making a visit to Dustin’s room in Radiation Oncology in the Wallace Tumor Institute. Dustin plays games with Breedster, getting him to beg and lay down for a treat. Of course, there is plenty petting and a few hugs, too.

“When he sees the dogs, he just lights up,” Anderson says of her son. “He smiles again. It gives him a chance to take his mind off the pain for a little bit, and that’s good.”

Breedster is visiting Dustin as part of the UAB’s partnership with the Birmingham-based, non-profit Hand-In-Paw organization. Hand-In-Paw’s professionally trained team of people and their pets motivate children with disabilities to reach therapy goals, mentor at-risk youth in positive life skills, stimulate reluctant readers to improve their skills, comfort the lonely at nursing homes and ease the stress and pain of children and their families fighting chronic and terminal illnesses.

The group has partnered with UAB for several years and recently awarded the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center its 2008 Twelty Lasker Award. The annual award, funded by Birmingham oncologist James Lasker and his wife Katie, recognizes a medical facility that has demonstrated excellence in partnering with Hand-In-Paw to serve patients and clients. The award is named in memory of the Lasker’s greyhound Twety. The Laskers commissioned prominent sculptor Brad Morton to create a bronze likeness of Twenty that is presented to the winning facility each year. In addition, the Laskers make a $10,000 gift to Hand-In-Paw to support its medical program, which it provides to area facilities, including UAB, at no charge.

Benefit is ‘immeasurable’

UAB’s Cancer Center was the first local facility to allow visits from Hand-In-Paw teams. Julie Wall, director of public relations and marketing for the Comprehensive Cancer Center, says UAB values the positive emotional and physical effects the visits have on patients.

“What Hand-In-Paw does to aid us in caring for our patients is immeasurable,” Wall says. “It’s very therapeutic from a patient’s perspective.”

Seven-year-old Dustin Anderson gives Breedster a hug during a recent trip to UAB’s Radiation Oncology department. Breedster and other dogs frequently visit UAB patients because of the hospital’s partnership with Hand-In-Paw.
Information technology usage reminder

As an academic institution, UAB places great value on freedom of thought and expression. With a population of approximately 40,000, the university community encompasses a wide array of opinions, views, approaches and temperaments. Ideally, those associated with the university exercise their freedoms in a mature, responsible and respectful manner and are encouraged to do so. This philosophy undergirds the institution’s information technology policies.

However, as is the case in all instances, UAB information technology resources, including e-mail, are allocated only for activities that support UAB’s mission of instruction, research and service and other approved activities. These resources may not be used for any activity which is destructive, disruptive or illegal. Further, these resources may not be used for activities that interfere with the ability of UAB to support its mission, compromise the character and reputation of UAB by association or violate the UAB Conflict of Interest Policy. UAB students, faculty, employees and other users are responsible for adhering to these operating guidelines. The right to use UAB information technology resources may be revoked if misused or abused, even unintentionally.

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• Best Practices for Local Area Network Administrators
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See list at www.uab.edu/it under IT Related Policies.

Disclosure forms now can be found online

UAB has launched a new online process for faculty and staff to disclose external or internal consulting activities and sponsored-research submissions. Online forms are now available from three sites:

• The Office of the Provost at provost.uab.edu.
• The Conflict of Interest Review Board (CIRB) at cirb.uab.edu.
• BlazerNET at blazernet.uab.edu on the Employee Resources tab under “Policies and Forms.”

Users should log in with a BlazerID and password to submit the form.

This disclosure is required from all UAB regular faculty and all staff at grade 20 or above. All provost, school and dean authorities.

Any questions regarding the disclosure process or requests for a training session may be addressed to the Office of the Provost at 934-0622 or provost@uab.edu. Questions regarding sponsored research submissions (Option C on the new disclosure form) may be addressed to the CIRB at 975-9691 or cirb@uab.edu.

Financial Affairs Web site adds calendar

Access the calendars using the icon located on the Financial Affairs main page at financialaffairs.uab.edu. With the new features, departments are able to search for key events and print selected views. Users also have the ability to select specific events and submit a request to be notified of any changes and forward the event announcement via e-mail.

New G&C closeout procedures coming

New guidelines for grants and contracts closeout procedures will be effective Feb. 1 that will improve UAB’s ability to meet sponsors’ financial reporting requirements, enhance collection efforts on delinquent accounts and make it easier to administer sponsored-research awards.

A series of meetings are scheduled to provide information on using the new guidelines, and a training session schedule and other related documents are online at www.uab.edu/provost. Direct questions to the Office of the Provost at 934-0622.

Student tax preparers offer free services

Some 50 accounting students will offer free tax-preparation services to qualifying members of the greater Birmingham community from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and March 21. The UAB volunteer team will ready tax forms at six separate stations inside the university’s Business and Engineering Complex. Tax filers who make less than $42,000 annually are encouraged to call 458-8970 to schedule an appointment time.

Retirees Association to meet Jan. 27

All UAB retirees and UAB employees planning to retire are invited to attend the Retirees Association meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 in the Homewood Library Auditorium. UAB President Carol Garrison will discuss “Building on Tradition and Forging the Future at UAB.” Joe Cottle, AEA Director of Government Relations, will also examine “2009-2010 State Budgetary Outlook and Politics: What You Need to Know.” A question-and-answer session will follow. For more information, visit www.uabra.org.

Get fit with Aikido

Aikido at UAB presents Utsusemi Aikikai at the UAB Campus Recreation Center. Aikido, a modern Japanese martial art with deep roots in Samurai tradition, is an excellent way to reach your fitness goals or to learn self-defense. Introductory classes will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center. For more information, visit www.uabaiikikai.com, or e-mail Aikikai at utsusemiaikikai.com.
PMS journal recognized again by Best Creative Nonfiction

PMS (Poems, Memoir, Story), the women’s literary journal published by the UAB Department of English, is receiving national recognition again—this time for its eighth edition. Some of its contributors are getting significant personal honors, too, including a role in President Barack Obama’s inauguration.

The latest edition of The Best Creative Nonfiction anthology includes PMS in its “Where We Found the Best Creative Nonfiction” section for the third consecutive year. The anthology also is republishing seven of PMS’s established poems that Sterne librarians have pledged to continue their work with PMS. Lauren Slaughter, an instructor of English, and Laurel Mills, the managing editor of Lipstick, a women’s magazine published by The Birmingham News, also will be joining us for the new issue.

Q. How do you collect the poems, memoirs and stories for PMS?
A. We have an open submission, and women can submit their work to us. We’ve published Pulitzer Prize winners, but we’ve also published people early in their writing careers and those who aren’t writers. I think that’s one of the strengths of the magazine, to be that inclusive. We don’t solicit men, of course, but if a man thinks he can publish something under a woman’s name and get it past us, more power to him.

Q. What are the rules for submission?
A. They need to submit during our reading period, which is Jan. 1 through the March 31. We ask that they send only five poems or 15 pages of prose. They can send it to me in the English department at HB 217, 1530 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham AL 35294. We ask that they also send a self-addressed stamped envelope. A complete list of rules can be found at pms-journal.org.

Q. How can someone buy a past copy or learn more about PMS?
A. PMS is nationally distributed by Ingram Periodicals and Ubiquity Distributors and available for checkout at Sterne Library. Copies can be ordered on Amazon.com or purchased locally at Greenup Books, Milestone Books and Little Professor Book Store. People also can contact me at tmartin@uab.edu for subscriptions and copies of past issues.

PMS editor Tina Harris has been published in two editions of the literary journal. The latest edition of PMS was included in The Best Creative Nonfiction anthology in its “Where We Found the Best Creative Nonfiction.” It’s the third consecutive year the journal has been selected for the honor. The 2008 edition of PMS was the first special issue in the series. It was dedicated to the writing of African-American women writers.
New autism grant spurs mentoring relationship, research

H ave you ever walked down the hall and passed a colleague or friend, given a smile and said "hello," only to have the person keep walking and say nothing? Immediately, you begin to think: Did I do something? Are they mad at me? Did they just not notice me? Were they thinking of something else and didn’t hear me?

"Mind-reading is something we as human beings do every day," says Rajesh Kana, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology. "We’re constantly trying to figure out what other people are thinking, based on their body language and their actions. But people with autism have trouble developing those thoughts and interpreting their actions.”

Kana and graduate student Heather Wadsworth will be studying how autism affects the ability to imitate and understand others in research funded by a new grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Network Intellectual and Developmental Disability Research Center (IDDRC) at UAB. The center is one in a national network of 21 research centers with funding from the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) to support projects relevant to intellectual disabilities. The IDDRC at UAB awards grants to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty members for pilot studies aimed at advancing the understanding of intellectual and developmental disabilities, ultimately leading to new diagnostics and treatments. Wadsworth, along with Kana, her mentor, were awarded the $10,000 inaugural grant to conduct a pilot study.

Under Kana’s direction, Wadsworth will use functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to learn about the impairments in neural circuitry underlying social skills in autism, then design a three- to six-month intervention and training program. Finally, they will examine the effect of training on improving the faulty brain circuitry.

Children ages 10 to 15 will perform tasks involving imitation as part of the project, and Wadsworth will observe how their brains react. The goal is for the research to lead to new neurobiologically informed training programs for children with autism.

“I’m very excited about the opportunity to do this research because we’re looking at imitation in a way that hasn’t been studied before,” says Wadsworth, who is pursuing her doctorate in the medical/clinical psychology program.

Playing the role of mentor

Kana arrived at UAB from Carnegie-Mellon University in August 2007, and Wadsworth began working in his lab soon thereafter.

Wadsworth became interested in studying autism after a job hunt as an undergraduate in psychology. She found employment at a local residential treatment facility helping a young man with autism. The more Wadsworth learned about the gentleman and autism the more fascinated she became.

“I became so interested I started doing research on autism, and things sort of took off from there,” she says.

She wanted to learn more about imagining and the role it could play in autism research and connected with Kana, who has been researching the disorder for more than 10 years. Kana says he was impressed with Wadsworth from the beginning, calling her an intelligent and dedicated student. He jumped at the opportunity to mentor her.

“She had clinical and a research back-ground, which I thought made her a good candidate to be a promising researcher in the field of autism,” Kana says.

“One of the best things about being a mentor is the direction you’re able to provide and the opportunity to brainstorm ideas. I can help Heather in her research on brain functioning and provide her the facilities she needs,” Kana assisted Wadsworth in writing the grant application. They generated the idea for the research and refined the scope on a few different occasions before submitting the proposal.

“I really think we crafted a good project, one that’s working well for both of us,” Kana says. “I can do the projects I’m interested in working on with her help, and she gets to use and learn these new techniques that I know.”

Wadsworth says she’s fortunate to do her research work with Kana and appreciates the opportunity this research work will provide her.

“This is my first grant for research and Dr. Kana has been extremely valuable in all aspects,” Wadsworth says. “I know that I can seek his advice and get help on anything. And it’s great for me because I really want to do both treatment and research of autism after I graduate.”

Kana named Distinguished Scientist

UAB researcher Rajesh Kana, Ph.D., has been awarded the award. The Scientist Award is presented annually in honor of the McNulty family. Kana is an assistant professor in the UAB Department of Psychology and is principal investigator in the Autism Brain Imaging Research Laboratory, which is housed in the Civitan International Research Center. The award honors Kana for his research in neuroscience, cognition, neuroimaging and autism.

His current research involves the use of functional magnetic resonance imaging to study brain function in people with autism. The research could lead to future interventions and treatments, he said.

Kana also has written and co-authored several articles in peer-reviewed journals in the field of neuroscience.


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point of view. I recently had an adult cancer patient tell me that when they see the children’s faces coming in to the hospital they look like cancer patients, but once they see the dogs they look like children. The heavy thoughts and the pain goes away for a little while and they get to be a kid again. I think that’s a powerful testimony to the value Hand-In-Paw and its volunteers provide our patients’

Kathy Bowman, nurse manager in Radiation Oncology, says Hand-In-Paw’s presence benefits the staff, too. She says the group has grown close to the woods to do dog walks through the years and they consider them part of the treatment family. Ten teams rotate through the Cancer Center each week. Teams come morning and afternoon Monday through Friday. Melanie LeMay, marketing coordinator with Hand-In-Paw, says the group treasures its relationship with UAB. “Not all medical facilities are able to provide animal-assisted therapy for their patients,” she says. “UAB has embraced that concept and understands the scientific and emotional benefits that come from it. Some of our volunteers specifically ask to go to UAB. They have developed relationships with patients and staff, particularly in the oncology unit.”

Nena Moon and her miniature Schnauzer Ellie are one Hand-In-Paw therapy team well known at the Cancer Center. They were recently named a national finalist for the Beyond Limits Award sponsored by the Delta Society, an international association for training and promoting animal-assisted therapy. Like all Hand-In-Paw therapy teams, Nena and Ellie went through extensive training and are re-evaluated regularly to maintain registration with the Delta Society.

Caring spirit fostered

Lea Arbogast and Pat Straw have brought Brewster in to visit Dustin on this day. They, too, are regular UAB visitors. Arbogast brings Brewster once a week, taking him to visit patients and handing out trading cards of her and Brewster to the patients — cards that every patient wants to collect from Hand-In-Paw volunteers.

“We love and appreciate the opportunity to provide services to our small part to try and help these families,” Arbogast says.

The caring spirit fostered by UAB’s staff is evident when Anderson talks about her experiences through this first month of diagnosis and treatment. The shock of the diagnosis has long passed. Now, she says, it’s about praying, fighting and hoping. Anderson says UAB is giving her the resources to make all of those things possible.

“I can’t say enough about the people here at UAB, at Children’s Hospital and with Hand-In-Paw,” Anderson says. “It’s just been amazing the amount of help and support we’ve received. We will be forever thankful.”

Visit www.ccc.uab.edu for more on the Comprehensive Cancer Center and www.handinpaw.org to learn more on Hand-In-Paw. You can also read more on Dustin Anderson at www.caringbridge.org/visit/dustinanderson.
Derek Cracco engages the opportunity to sell the virtues of the Department of Art & Art History. The department’s talent, faculty engaged in their own careers and research, which I think is a benefit to us. They’re still actively pursuing their artistic careers, which I think is exciting to prospective students.

Cracco shared those virtues during a recent workshop in which Spain Park High School students created prints on the intaglio press in the department’s print-making studio. The students also were given demonstrations on Xerox transfers, chine-collé and monoprinting techniques.

The field trip gave the students hands-on experience in making collograph prints and highlighted many opportunities available in art and art history.

Art Professor Derek Cracco shows Spain Park High School students how to create prints on the intaglio press in the department's print-making studio. The students were visiting as part of a workshop Cracco designed in an effort to recruit prospective students to UAB's Department of Art & Art History.

The process is complex. The plates are made by gluing objects to a cardboard surface. Those objects create textures that hold inks. They are then inked, wiped and run through a press to create an image on paper.

Most high schools don’t have the equipment to conduct these kinds of projects, Cracco says.

Erik Myers, chair of Spain Park’s digital photography department and a two-time UAB graduate, has brought his students to similar workshops. He says the opportunity is invaluable in helping his students determine their career path, and it showcases the tools and talent UAB has to help make them successful.

“A project like this is just fantastic for our students,” Myers says. “We have ceramics, painting and things like that, but we don’t have the capabilities to do print-making. This enables our students not only to gain a valuable experience in a field they may have an interest in pursuing.”

The Department of Art & Art History offers ceramics, drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, art history and art education. The department recently added video and time-based animation to its lineup as well.

The Visual Arts Gallery, a key component of the program, showcases a continuously changing series of exhibitions of contemporary art and a permanent collection of more than 500 works across a range of disciplines. The department works closely with the Birmingham Museum of Art and Space One Eleven, among others, to offer internships and collaborative projects. It also features a number of collaborative projects, including a documentary film course, and study opportunities in the southwestern United States and New York City.

Prospective freshman can apply for one of three $2,500 scholarships to be given away this spring. The deadline for application is Feb. 4. Visit www.uab.edu/art to apply or learn more about the department.

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Derek Cracco shares the opportunity to engage prospective art students in studio work. When Tucker received the “Celebration of Teaching Tributes” award given by the National Collegiate Honors Council, based on the nomination of students in the Science and Technology Honors Program. Students Justin Chiang and Finn Perkins led the effort to nominate Tucker and presented the award to her at the NCHC conference in San Antonio this past fall.

“The fact that the students showed the initiative to prepare the nomination packet and submit it to the National Collegiate Honors Council meant a tremendous amount to me,” Tucker says. “The students gave a very, very nice presentation and description of me and the program at the conference and spoke of how it was making a difference for them. It was very special.”

Listening to students

It didn’t take Perkins very long to see the kind of teacher Tucker was going to be when he was selected for the program. He saw quite quickly the kind of person she is, too.

Perkins was concerned when he saw the 30-hour requirement for the program post- ed online during the spring semester of his freshman year. Those 30 hours included no core classes at the time, making it almost a second major instead of a minor.

“Some students and I were worried that this would be too much,” Perkins says. “For example, that’s 31 hours in addition to their required 128 hours. I stayed after a program meeting to voice my worries about this even though I was a bit intimidated.”

Tucker promised Perkins she would look into it, and every semester since that time at least one core class has been coupled with honors credit.

“I realized pretty quickly that Dr. Tucker wants to be our advocate,” Perkins says. “Whenever there is an issue we can go to her, and she can help us.”

Perkins cites many other examples of Tucker’s leadership, including how she encouraged students to develop a student leadership group within the honors program. Still, it’s the time she takes with her students that impresses Perkins the most.

“During both semesters of your freshman year she meets personally with students to help decide what they are interested in studying and how soon they hope to get into a research environment,” Perkins says. “Then she tries to find research groups that focus on that area and are willing to take on undergraduate students.”

Excellent leadership

Michele Gould has known Tucker for 18 years, learning under her first as an under-
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
Film: “A Girl Cut in Two”
6 PM - Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium
Sponsored by UAB Interculture Committee

Exhibit: “The Writing on the Decks”
Featuring custom vinyl money toys and skateboard decks by Contemporary Artists
UAB Visual Arts Gallery (Through January 30)
Sponsored by the UAB Visual Arts Gallery

MONDAY, JANUARY 26
Free Food For Thought: Are We “One Nation Under God?”
12 pm - Ryals School of Public Health Room 107
Sponsored by the UAB Office of Student Involvement Diversity Programs

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27
Volunteer Fair
11 AM - Hill University Center Lobby
Sponsored by UAB Student Involvement

Comedy for a Cause: Alex & Kim of Stand Up for Mental Health
7 PM - Hill University Center Great Hall
Sponsored by the Department of Student Life

Foreign Film Series: “Still Life”
8 PM - Ryals Recital Hall
Sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28
8th Annual International Bazaar
10 AM to 3 PM - Campus Rec Center
Sponsored by the Hill Student & Scholar Services, World Students Association and UAB Community Week

JB Roberts Band - Acoustic Rock
11 AM - Jazzman’s Café/Lounge
Sponsored by UAB Blaze Productions

Volunteer Fair
11 AM to 1 PM - Hill University Center Lobby
Sponsored by UAB Student Involvement

Distinguished Alumus
Lecture presents:
Lee Morgan MD, PhD, MPH, Captain of United States Navy and NASA Astronaut
12 PM - Ryals School of Public Health, Room 407
Sponsored by Public Health Lecture Series

UAB Faculty Potpourri Recital:
Members of the UAB faculty in concert
12 PM - Ryals Recital Hall
Sponsored by the UAB Music Department

One Act Play: “A Conversation with Alana: One Boy’s Multicultural Rite of Passage”
5:30 PM - Hill University Alumni Auditorium
Sponsored by ESL, Teacher Education

Panel Discussion: “Am I Gay”
7 PM - Blazer Hall Residence Life Center
Sponsored by Safe Space, CSSA, PHA and UAB Lecture Series

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29
UAB President’s Diversity Award Banquet
7 PM - Hill University Center Great Hall
(Illustration only)
Sponsored by the UAB Division of Student Affairs and The Office of Equity and Diversity

Foreign Languages for the Professions Panel
7 PM - Ryals Recital Hall
Sponsored by the UAB Department of Foreign Languages and Literature

Film: “Bama Girl”
8:30 PM - Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium
Sponsored by the UAB Black Student Awareness Committee

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
Film: “Courting Condi”
7 PM - Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium
Sponsored by UPC Films and Novelties Committee

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
Community Week Film Scramble Screening
Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium
Sponsored by the UAB Office of Student Life

Punch Brothers featuring Chris Thile,
8 PM - Alys Stephens Center
Sponsored by the Alys Stephens Center

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Terri Jones is always ready for the opportunity to lead

When Terri Jones has an opportunity to take a leadership role, she relishes it. Whether it's leading her children's Girl Scout troop, chairing the administrative staff committee in the School of Dentistry or starting a weight-loss group for dental school students and employees, Jones wants the responsibility.

"Anytime I'm given the opportunity to take a leadership role I jump on it," Jones says. "The thing I always say is 'own up to what you do and build your resume.' People build their resume on things they do. Even though I haven't been a manager, things like this give me management skills."

Jones' drive, dedication and determination are a few of the reasons why the office services specialist in Prosthodontics is January's Employee of the Month. Jones supports Sandra O'Neal, D.M.D., chair of Prosthodontics, and other department faculty and ensures junior and senior students are meeting the requirements needed to graduate. She could be aiding a faculty member with a PowerPoint presentation one minute and guiding a student through their course requirements the next.

Colleagues rave about Jones' commitment to the faculty, staff and students.

"She is always willing to go beyond the call of duty and always is happy to assist our faculty, students and her fellow co-workers with whatever it is that they need," says Robbie Burrell, business officer in the School of Dentistry.

"I have witnessed the care and concern she has shown for our students. There is something special about Terri."

Others see that demonstrated as well, including Maddyn Coar, D.M.D., associate professor of endodontics, and O'Neal. They see her skills in the relevant software, D.M.D., associate professor of endodontics, and Coar says fellow co-workers with whatever it is that they need, "She always is happy to assist our faculty, students and her.

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Terri Jones in prosthodontics is January’s Employee of the Month. If you know someone who should be employee of the month nominate them. Send letters of nomination to Jason Turner at jturn1@uab.edu or visit www.uab.edu/eotm.
**Women & Men**

**Are you or someone you know have cystic fibrosis?** The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has published guidelines on identifying and treating cystic fibrosis. Visit www.cff.org for more information.

**Younger people with diabetes** and **children** with diabetes may be eligible for a breast cancer prevention study. Visit cancer.gov for more information.

**Are you a woman or male age 60 or older with high 'bad' cholesterol?** You may be eligible for a national 14-week study to determine the safety and effectiveness of a new investigational medication for treatment of severe hypertension. Eligible study participants will receive study medication, blood pressure checks, physical exams, laboratory tests and ECG at no cost. Compensation. 4-8391.

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**Are you a woman living with HIV who has a child age 5-11?** You may have interest in learning how to reduce the stress in your life. If so, you may qualify to participate in a research study. Contact Loretta. 1-866-144-HOPE (1-866-144-4667).

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Fridgidaire 10,000 BTU air conditioner unit, like new, $100. Jamie 5-4661.

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‘76 Ford Bronco Sport, red, 4-yr-old German Sheperd needs good home 6-6754.

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