CCHS Medical Grads Recognized at Honors Convocation 2000

Twenty-three senior medical students were recognized on May 19, 2000, at the Annual CCHS Honors Convocations for graduates of the UA School of Medicine who complete their clinical training on the Tuscaloosa campus of UASOM. Don E. Williamson, MD, State Health Officer for Alabama, was the dinner speaker for the event held at the Four Points Hotel in Tuscaloosa. Awards were given by each department to their top students, and the graduates themselves gave teaching awards to Drs. Mike Robards, Ashley Evans, and Brad Gaspar. John Waits was honored by his classmates with the James H. Akers Memorial Award. This award is presented annually to the Tuscaloosa Senior who best personifies both the art and the science of the practice of medicine as chosen by the graduating senior class. Dr. Waits also received the William R. Willard Award (Dean's Award). This singular recognition is awarded annually to a senior medical student for outstanding contributions to the goals and missions of the College of Community Health Sciences.

The Scholastic Achievement Award is presented to Associate Dean Elizabeth Rand, MD, (r) to Scott Russell Fulgham, MD.

Bank of Moundville Endows Willard Awards in Memory of Founding Dean

Howell Poole, President and CEO, Bank of Moundville, (right) and his father, Victor Poole, who helped in founding CCHS, recently presented the gift to CCHS in honor of founding Dean William R. Willard, MD. Dr. Willard, who also founded the University of Kentucky medical school, is known as "the Father of Family Medicine." CCHS is fulfilling Dean Willard's vision and achieving its mission—to train medical students and family practice residents with an emphasis on rural health needs and primary care. One in eight Alabama family physicians graduated from the CCHS Residency. Fifty-one percent of the graduates of the CCHS Family Practice Residency practice in Alabama, half in towns of 25,000 or less. Victor Poole helped recruit Dr. Willard to West Alabama in 1972 to start the medical school. Dr. Willard bought a home near Mr. Poole in Hale County and retired there to raise catfish.

Scott Fulgham, earned the Scholastic Achievement Award. This award is presented to the senior with highest academic performance in the clinical years.

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Dr. William Willard, MD


during his tenure as a resident in Tuscaloosa, the physician will attend multiple conferences and seminars that emphasize the importance of continuity of care, including preventive care, and the role of the physician in promoting health through lifestyle choices. The ultimate goal of Dr. Willard’s leadership is to inspire future generations of physicians to continue the legacy of excellence and commitment to community health that he embodied during his time at CCHS.
1995 Rural Health Scholar Courtney Lawson, the top student in Health Care Management Administration, received excellence on Honors Day at The University of Alabama in April, 2000. Rural Health Scholars (RHS) and Rural Medical Scholars (RMS) were well represented in awards ceremonies across Alabama in April, 2000, national honoraries, including Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Blue Phi, Delta, and was vice president of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national premed honorary. She starts Surgical RHSP 2000 Honors Day program included: Mandi Allen, Jackson County, graduate of Pisgah High School and Jacksonville State University. Honors include Who's Who Among College Students and Miss Jackson County University. Mandi was named to Golden Key, AED, and Secretary, Rural Health Student Association. She is in AED, the "Million Dollar Band," and Basketball Team. Callie Cason, a 1996 Rural Health Scholar from Momoe County High School, was named to Alpha Lambda Delta, Eta Sigma, Golden Key, and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Societies. Tu Blackwell, a graduate of Walker County High School and University of Alabama, named to Golden Key, AED, and Secretary, Rural Health Student Association. She is in AED, the "Million Dollar Band," and Basketball Team. 所有毕业生均在农村地区担任医疗专业人员。30名过去的RHS学生将参加今年的第九届RHS项目。
1999 Incoming Residents

Drew Anthony – Drew was born in Kosciusko, MS, and received his MD from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He and his wife Kelli have relocated to Tuscaloosa. He feels that being a family medicine doctor would make him a better person by allowing him to learn from his patient’s experiences.

Anthony Buckles – Anthony is a native of Natchez, Mississippi. He completed his MD at the University of Alabama – Huntsville. He enjoys playing the piano/organ, teaching music, volunteering at the local homeless mission, and spending time with the youth in his church (youth minister).

Jennifer Burdette – Jennifer was one of our medical students. She and her husband Steve have a son, Andrew. She feels that Family Practice presents the best opportunity to help a broad range of patients and families in health, illness and death in the most positive way throughout a lifetime.

Breck Campbell – Breck received his D.O. from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Miami. He worked as a police officer for ten years for the City of Birmingham. He enjoys fishing, motorcycle riding, rescuing and home repair.

Aleksandra Frye – Aleksandra, a former CCHS medical student, was born in Uzice, Yugoslavia, and came to the U.S. in 1990 as an exchange student. She and her husband, Heath, live in Tuscaloosa. Aleksandra’s parents and brother currently live in South Africa.

Kevin Katona – Kevin is an Alabama native. He received his MD from the University of South Alabama Medical School in Mobile. He was interested in Family Medicine even before beginning medical school. He has participated in a number of writing contests, receiving awards on essays and poetry at local, state and national levels. He also enjoys all sports.

Shane Phillips – Shane is from Louisiana and received his MD from LSU School of Medicine. He was a medical volunteer at Tulane Sports Medicine Clinic and served as counselor at Camp Quality of North Louisiana. His other interests include snowsking, water skiing, jogging, fishing, tennis, basketball, softball, rollerblading and mountain bike riding.

2000 Incoming Residents

Erick Andreu – Erick was born in Cuba and received his MD from Higher Institute of Medical Sciences of Villa Clara in 1999. He lived in Canada for a year where he perfected his English. Family Practice has been his favorite specialty since he was a medical student.

Rodrigo Argenal – Rodrigo is a native of San Jose, Costa Rica. He received his MD from the Autonomous School of Medical Sciences of Central America in 1999. Rodrigo’s wife is Giselle. He enjoys family life, poetry writing, motorcycle riding, photography and computers.

Dale Christensen – Dale is a Mississippi native and earned his MD from the University of MS – Jackson. Dale and his wife, Tana, have two children. Being an avid Alabama sports fan, he is interested in sports medicine. He also enjoys working out, fishing, spending time with his wife, and playing with his kids.

Maria Cooper – Maria received her MD degree in 1999 from Ross University in the Caribbean. She has done volunteer work in a cytology lab at Moffitt Cancer Research Institute in Tampa, Florida. She also worked at Providence Hospital in Rhode Island.

Drew Davis – Drew is a native of Alabama and received his MD from the University of Alabama School of Medicine at Birmingham. He worked at the Betty Ford Center in Palm Springs, California, as well as in Pittsburgh, PA, where he was awarded a Scalf Fellowship. He is in a one-year transitional position.

Salih Faldon – Salih is a former CCHS medical student and received his MD in June. He is the co-founder of A.C.E. (Alliance for Community Excellence) and enjoys being an elementary Arabic instructor. The absolute love of patient care is what drew Salih to Family Medicine.

Calin Pernes – Calin and his wife, Doina-Mariu, come from Romania. Over the last five years, he has practiced as an OB-GYN specialist at a University Gynecological Hospital in Tg-Mures, Romania. Calin has spent the past nine months working as a research assistant in the Department of Pathology at Emory University.

Jonathan Polhemus – Jonathan was born in New Jersey and attended the College of William and Mary in Virginia where he played football. His MD is from St. George’s University. He enjoys reading, sports, diving, fishing and travel.

Ed Shackelford – Ed was one of our medical students and graduated from UASOM in June. He and his wife, Jodie, look forward to remaining here in Tuscaloosa. Ed is ultimately interested in being affiliated with a medical school and primary care residency program and involved with research.

Cathy Skinner – Cathy is a graduate of UA and completed her MD from UASOM at CCHS in June. She is now finishing her term as Family Medicine Interest Group President. She and her husband, Shannon, have one daughter.

Margaret Stewart – Maggie received her MD from UASOM in Huntsville in May. She has done volunteer work at the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, and the Jackson County Rural Health Project. She wants to return to her hometown of Opelika to practice medicine.

Philip Sundquist – Philip grew up in rural Utah and has always maintained a desire to return to a rural town to practice medicine. He received his MD from Ross University in June. Philip, his wife Joann, and their children look forward to residing in Tuscaloosa.

Bereaval Webb – Bereaval earned her MD from the University of TN-Memphis in September. She has had an interest in family medicine since childhood. After completing her residency, she plans to seek further training in nutrition and phytomedicine.
Honors Convocation
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Carol Johnson Mitchell, MD, was named Community and Rural Medicine Preceptor of the Year; and faculty recognition awards were made.

Ashley Evans, MD, received the Faculty Recognition Award (Junior Year), given annually by the Senior Class for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Medical Education during the Junior Year.

Mike Robards, MD, received the Patrick McCue Award, "given by the Senior Class for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Medical Education in the Senior Year."

Brad Gaspard, MD, received the Resident Recognition Award, given by the Senior Class for excellence in teaching. It was presented by Melissa Wysong, senior class president.

Dr. John C. Higginbotham, Department of Community and Rural Medicine, presented the Research Award to Edward Shackelford and John Waits.

The Larry Mayes Memorial Award, given to a rising junior student for assistance in work in an underserved area of this country or any country, was presented by Dr. Cathy Gresham to Clint Daniel Kingsley, a Huntsville-based medical student.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

- **Family Medicine**: Edward Shackelford
- **William W. Winternitz Award**: Scott Fulgham in Internal Medicine
- **Pediatrics**: Paula Belew
- **Peter Bryce Award**: Theodore Henry Mueller, III in Psychiatry
- **Robert F. Gloor Award**: Edward Shackelford in Community Medicine
- **Surgery**: John Waits and Donald Yarbrough
- **Finney-Akers Memorial Award**: Moncenya Chatman in Obstetrics-Gynecology

Surgery Awards were presented by Tuscaloosa surgeon and clinical assistant professor Dr. John O. Waits, (center) to his son, John B. Waits, MD, (left) and Donald Yarbrough, MD.

Moncenya Chatman, MD, (right) received the Finney-Akers Memorial Award for Obstetrics and Gynecology from Dr. Karl Hasik.

Carol Mitchell Johnon, MD, a family physician in Alabaster, Alabama, and 1986 graduate of the CCHS family practice residency, was named Preceptor of the Year by the Department of Community and Rural Medicine. Dr. Johnson is on the Board of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians and a department chief at Shelby Medical Center. Dr. John C. Higginbotham (right) presented the award at Honors Convocation.
The Lister Hill Society, named in honor of the late U.S. Senator from Alabama who worked for better health care for all citizens, is the annual fund for CCHS, the College of Community Health Sciences. The focus of this branch of the University of Alabama School of Medicine is community medicine and primary care, especially in the preparation of family physicians to care for patients in rural areas. Contributions from alumni and friends to the Lister Hill Society fund cash awards to recognize outstanding medical students and residents, special projects to enhance medical education curriculum or facilities, student travel to professional meetings, alumni publications, research, and library information.

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Denny Society Established

The University of Alabama recently established a prestigious society to recognize friends and supporters of the University who have included the University in their estate plans. Named for the University’s fourteenth president, Dr. George Hutcheson Denny, and his family, The Denny Society recognizes the importance of deferred gifts in ensuring the future of this institution.

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The Denny Society recognized 354 persons as charter members directly extending membership to donors who qualify and accept the invitation. Membership in The Denny Society is open to all who have included The University of Alabama in their future charitable plans through bequests, life income plans, trust and real property remainder interests, or beneficiary designations under life insurance and retirement plans.

There is no minimum amount required to be included as a member, and you may designate your gift to the College of Community Health Sciences generally or for specific areas or programs of the College.

For more information, contact Vicki Johnson, (205) 348-0093, vjohnson@cchs.ua.edu or the University’s Office of Advancement at (205) 348-4767.

Alum Returns to CCHS

Richard Jones Joins Internal Medicine Faculty

Richard E. Jones, III, MD, PhD, is new to the CCHS faculty, but not to CCHS. In fact, The last time he was here he won the William R. Willard Award, signifying that the faculty considered him to be the 1994 graduating medical student who best embodied the mission and goals of the College of Community Health Sciences. Dr. Jones also received the Family Medicine clerkship award that year and, for a variety of research projects with Dr. Pieroni, earned the 1994 Medical Student Research Award.

Dr. Jones graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery in 1981 and did graduate work at UA, where he met his wife, Sherry. Dr. Jones went to the University of South Alabama College of Medicine to earn his PhD in Immunology and became interested in how immune reactions against oneself (autoimmunity) results in a variety of illness. He also had an interest in how these diseases could be important clinically in addition to his academic study, so he started medical school at USA. He completed two years in Mobile, and then—with the help of Dr. Paul Teitze—transferred to CCHS for clinical training. He and Sherry, who was assistant director of the UA Office of Admissions, married in 1991 and he finished medical school in Tuscaloosa. His continuing interest in rheumatology led him to choose an internal medicine residency instead of family medicine in Tuscaloosa. While he was making plans for his residency, he learned that Dr. Robert Kreisberg, whom he had known from his days in Mobile, was the new program director for the internal medicine residency at Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, and he decided to apply there. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine, winning the Richard Bright "Kidney" Award for performance in nephrology in 1997. He became a Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine, in 1997 and served as Chief Medicine Resident at Baptist in 1997-98. Dr. Jones took a two-year Fellowship in Rheumatology at UAB in 1998. His research mentor was Dr. Larry W. Moreland, an international expert in rheumatoid arthritis. Another influential person for him during this time was Dr. Dennis Boulware, Professor in the Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology.

Dr. Jones has a number of publications and has worked as investigator on clinical trials with Amgen, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Hoechst Marion Roussel, Immune, Knoll Pharmaceuticals, Ortho-McNeil, Roche, and Wyeth Ayerst.

He and Sherry live in Tuscaloosa with their three-year-old son and an 18-month-old daughter.

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**On Rounds**

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1980-81 Marc Fisher
1981-82 John Murray
1982-83 Daveta Best
1983-84 Steve Lovelady
1984-85 Perry Lovely
1985-86 Billy Mack Pickering
1986-87 James Ervin
1987-88 Robin Barton
1988-89 Matthew Hogan
1989-90 Everett McKibben
1990-91 Kathleen Shine
1991-92 Christopher McGee
1992-93 Beverly Joseph
1993-94 Angela Powell
1994-95 Martin Harvey
1995-96 Tracey Miles
1996-97 Lucius Freeman
1997-98 Jeffery Laubenthal
1998-99 Natasha Harder
1999-2000 Jennifer Burdette

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**William R. Willard Awards**

Awarded annually to a senior medical student for outstanding contributions to the goals and mission of the College of Community Health Sciences

1979: Phillip Smith
1980: Daniel Lee Kopp
1981: James Davis McKinney & Robert Stephen Wade
1982: Dan Avery
1983: Steve Lovelady
1984: Roger Lacy & Neil Moss
1985: Ann Elizabeth Wade
1986: Julia Weeks
1987: Spencer James Coleman
1988: Harry Goldwater
1989: Alan Calhoun
1990: Denise Joseph
1991: DeWayne Tooson
1992: Mike Davis
1993: Wendy Anderson
1994: Richard Jones, III
1995: Henry Townsend
1996: Heather Turner
1997: James Parker
1998: Karen Burgess
1999: Jennifer Burdette
2000: John Waits