26th Annual Honors Convocation Recognizes Medical Graduates and Excellence in Performance, Teaching

Thirty CCHS seniors, members of the University of Alabama School of Medicine class of 2002 who completed clinical training in Tuscaloosa were recognized by the College of Community Health Sciences at the 26th Annual Honors Convocation on May 17. The Tuscaloosa Senior class selected Kris Cummings, MD, as recipient of 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. The Dean presented Dr. Cummings with the Scholastic Achievement Award for the highest academic average during the clinical years. Dr. Cummings, who was a member of the first class of UA Rural Health Scholars in 1993, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM), also earning the Hugh J. Dempsey Memorial Award given at the Honors Convocation in Birmingham for the highest academic achievement over four years at UASOM.

Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD, received the William R. Willard Award (Dean’s Award). Dean William A. Curry, MD, presented this singular recognition awarded annually to a senior medical student for outstanding contributions to the goals and mission of the College of Community Health Sciences.

Dean Curry welcomed families and guests, and introduced members of the class. Senior Class President Julia Boothe, MD, introduced the speakers, Steadman Shealy and Dr. William Shamblin. Mr. Shealy, a graduate of UA and the UA School of Law, was the guest speaker; and Professor Emeritus William R. Shamblin, MD, former Chair of the Department of Surgery, made a special address to the class.

E. Eugene Marsh, MD, Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Neurology and Internal Medicine, received both Faculty Recognition Awards given by the senior class. (Continued, p. 4.)

Funding Sought for Betty Shirley Clinic in New Building

The psychiatry clinic at The University of Alabama’s Capstone Medical Center has been named in honor of Tuscaloosa mental health advocate Betty Shirley. The UA Board of Trustees, in naming the clinic the Betty Shirley Clinic for Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, called Shirley “a beacon of strength and vision for our nation who has brought honor and recognition to her alma mater and to the state of Alabama.”

“Betty Shirley has been a longtime advocate of the services provided by the psychiatry clinic at The University of Alabama,” said Dr. William Curry, Dean of UA’s College of Community Health Sciences. “She is well known as a proponent for treatment and destigmatization of mental illness, thus encouraging those who are reluctant to seek treatment and support. We are proud to name our clinic in her honor.”

Fund-raising for the construction of a new building for patient care and teaching is currently underway. The fund drive includes a goal of $500,000 for the Betty Shirley Clinic’s facility in the new building for construction, furnishings, equipment, and---if funds permit—endowment of operating costs of the clinic. Staffed by psychiatrists, psychologists, and a social worker, the clinic specializes in individual and group therapy; psychopharmacology, and psychological testing.

In addition to treating patients, the psychiatrists and psychologists at the Betty Shirley Clinic are CCHS faculty, teaching and working closely with medical students and family practice residents. Elizabeth Rand, MD, chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, said this teaching role is critical.

“As teachers who focus on primary care physicians, rather than on specialists in psychiatry,” said Rand, “we have an important opportunity to bring a high level of expertise into general medical practice where the vast majority of mental health problems are initially treated.”

The Betty Shirley Clinic is the outpatient facility of the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine and part of the multi-specialty Tuscaloosa medical center operated by UA’s College of Community Health Sciences, a branch campus of the University of Alabama School of Medicine, which provides clinical training for medical students and medical graduates specializing in family medicine.

Recognized by former President George H.W. Bush during his presidency as one of “A Thousand Points of Light,” Shirley has been a leading supporter of UA’s RISE program, which has become one of the nation’s finest preschools for special needs children. In appreciation for her efforts, RISE has raised more than $3 million in her honor for an endowment fund known as the “Betty Shirley Tree of Life.”

Shirley is a lifetime member of the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of Tuscaloosa County, was a member of the DCH Foundation Ball when proceeds were designated for a psychiatric unit at DCH Regional Medical Center, and was chairperson in 1991 of the first Decorator Show House to benefit the Mental Health Association.

Groundbreaking for the new Medical Center is expected this fall.
The Next Thirty Years

Threatened health care, declining economies, challenged educational systems: It seems overwhelming. Is anybody out there listening? Is anybody doing anything? Fortunately, there is more interest than ever in understanding and addressing the threats facing our rural communities.

At the University of Alabama and the School of Medicine, we have special responsibilities to the people who live and work in rural Alabama. CCHS has been in the vanguard of those efforts for all of its thirty years, as rural health has been part of our mission since the legislature founded this College. What can we show for our efforts?

As a perplexed new primary care physician in 1979, one of the places I found support was CCHS. Through its conferences and continuing education programs, from formal consultations and informal visits and encouragement, I was made to feel welcome, valued, and supported. Beyond that, CCHS faculty welcomed me as a colleague in medical education, and specifically wanted students and residents to hear the point of view of a practicing rural physician. For me, it was like cool water on a hot August Alabama day.

Integrating community physicians into the clinical education and training of medical students and family practice residents is a hallmark of CCHS, and that alone has made significant contributions to their learning and to their career choices. Rural Alabama is benefiting today from our graduates practicing there.

What else has CCHS done to answer the tough challenges of rural communities? Here is a partial list:

- The Annual Alabama Rural Health Conference, which in 2002 explored the relationships of rural economies and health care (a joint effort with other UA colleges)
- The Rural Scholars Pipeline (Rural Health Scholars, Rural Medical Scholars, and the new Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program)
- The Institute for Rural Health Research (another joint UA effort)
- The Rural Alabama Area Health Education Center
- State-of-the-art Information Technology in patient care and education
- One of the oldest and most successful Family Practice Residencies in the nation, which among its many accomplishments has done what it was founded to do (get doctors to rural Alabama)

And what do we plan? Certainly continued growth of all of the above. Besides that, we expect to break ground in November for a new building that will house our clinical and academic programs, to position CCHS for the next thirty years of medical education. An effort in which I am particularly interested is one in which our faculty are exploring ways to apply information technology to rural practice. I’m certain we’ll combine that with the same kind of personal welcome I received 23 years ago.

We want the next generation of new rural primary care physicians to know they can depend on CCHS/UA School of Medicine — Tuscaloosa to be the 21st Century version of what has become an essential source for Alabama’s rural health.

Reflections by William A. Curry, MD, Dean
CCHS Anniversary Events
Set for Thursday, Nov. 21

Lister Hill Society to Host 30th Anniversary Celebration

CCHS observes its 30th anniversary this year. Founded by an act of the Alabama Legislature in 1972, the College of Community Health Sciences was established at The University of Alabama as a branch campus of the University of Alabama School of Medicine, which is based in Birmingham.

The mission of the new Tuscaloosa program was providing primary care doctors for rural and underserved Alabama. William R. Willard, MD, who had started the University of Kentucky medical school, was recruited to head the Alabama program. He stressed medical training for third and fourth year medical students that emphasized the importance of community service and the leadership role of the physician in a small town. More than 450 medical students have been here for their junior and senior years of medical school, scoring well on boards, entering virtually every specialty in an array of prestigious residency programs.

Dr. Willard, who became known as the "Father of Family Medicine" after reporting to Congress on the need for family physicians to meet the doctor shortage crisis in America, also set up the Family Practice Residency at CCHS. The Tuscaloosa program is one of the most productive family medicine programs in the nation.

Residency graduates from CCHS are practicing in Alabama, half of these in towns of 25,000 or less. One in eight Alabama family physicians graduated from the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency at the College of Community Health Sciences.

The College is planning special events to celebrate the anniversary on November 21 in conjunction with the annual gala to be held to raise funds for the college. The Lister Hill Society, which hosts an annual reception each fall, will host a 30th Anniversary Gala on that Thursday evening (two days before the Alabama-Auburn game). Alumni are invited to contribute photos, stories, and special memories and to return for this occasion. Special awards and recognitions are planned, and we encourage you to e-mail suggestions to Vicki Johnson (CCHS Advancement Officer) at vjohnson@cchs.ua.edu.

The CCHS History Committee, chaired by Dean Emeritus Wilmer Cogdill, MD, will present highlights of its book compiled from interviews by former deans and founding faculty members. The faculty and former faculty of CCHS hope all alumni will join us for this special occasion. Invitations to all alumni will be sent in early November, and information will be posted on the CCHS website, http://cchs.ua.edu/.

Foundations of CCHS were laid at a research conference held in 1968 by John Rushin, MD, David Mahony, PhD, William O'Grady, MD, Dick Fulrand, MD. The 30th Anniversary will celebrate results of their vision.

Rural Alabama AHEC Spearheads Tobacco Control Project Aimed at Sixth Graders

The Rural Alabama Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and the Westside Community Action Council in Tuscaloosa have received a grant for prevention of smoking in several target audiences. The $30,000 Tobacco Prevention and Control Grant by the State of Alabama Department of Public Health will enable these organizations to expand the Life Skills Training and "Doctors Ought to Care" (DOC) curricula to sixth graders at Westlawn Middle School and Walker Elementary School, as well as to children enrolled in Elizabeth Project Care. The project will focus on reducing the use of tobacco products by youth in Tuscaloosa County. "This one-year grant (through May 31, 2003) is renewable.

Three teams were formed to carry out these activities: an adolescent team, a middle school team, and a third that will develop curriculum for the elementary schools.

Several teams will develop a series of educational materials on tobacco use. The grant will fund an evaluation of the program to determine what changes in knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors are attributable to participation in the program. The teams will also develop materials for parent education and school and community-based training experiences.

For information about this project or other AHEC activities, contact Sonya Wilder at (205) 348-1945 or swilder@cchs.ua.edu.

The 3rd Annual Rural Health Conference was held April 25-26 at the Bryant Conference Center. Titled "The Time for Action: Building Connections to Improve Rural Economies and Health," the event drew health care professionals, community activists, business leaders, government officials, academic researchers, students, representatives of faith-based organizations, and concerned citizens from throughout Alabama. Several participants came from outside the state, such as speaker Constantinos I. Miskis, Alabama's Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson's representative, Mr. Miskis oversees coordination of the department’s policies in the region. He discussed Secretary Thompson’s mandate that the department consistently and comprehensively address rural health issues.

The participant who traveled farthest to attend the conference was Evan Morris, who came roughly 2,000 miles from Saskatchewan, Canada. A consultant on numerous health-related research projects for provincial and federal government agencies, Mr. Morris saw the conference advertised on the internet and volunteered his expertise. He was one of about two dozen speakers and participants who conducted break-out sessions on "Resources for Rural Health," "Barriers to Rural Health," and "Notes from the Field."

Sessions consisted of five concurrent groups, each addressing a separate topic. "Needs 1" sessions focused on basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter, while "Needs 2" focused on secondary needs like education, transportation, and recreation.

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The conference was hosted by The University of Alabama's College of Community Health Sciences/UA School of Medicine, College of Human Environmental Sciences, Capstone College of Nursing, Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration, School of Social Work, and the College of Continuing Studies, with support from a variety of professional organizations and leading public and private agencies.

To contribute feedback on the 2002 conference or ideas for next year, please contact Naomi Clewett at the Institute for Rural Health Research at (205) 348-3079 or nclewett@cchs.ua.edu.

Farmers, Industry Concerned Over Uneven Distribution of Economic Benefits

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Dr. Marsh was honored for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Medical Education during the Junior Year and received the Patrick McCue Award for Outstanding Contributions during the Senior Year. Dr. Allison Paulk made the presentations on behalf of the senior class. Salih Faldon, MD, received the Resident Recognition Award from the Senior Class.

Bibb County family physician John Meigs, MD, was recognized as Rural & Community Medicine Preceptor of the Year. Dr. Meigs is a native of Brent and has been in solo practice in Centerville since 1982, when he completed residency training in Selma. He is a graduate of The University of Alabama and earned his M.D. degree at the University of South Alabama. He has been a medical student preceptor for twenty years.

Dr. Cathy Gresham, Director of Medical Student Affairs, presented special scholastic honors. Margaret Tait Moore, MD, a magna cum laude graduate recognized at the Birmingham Honors Convocation on May 19, as an honors graduate in the top ten percent of the UASOM class, received the American Medical Women's Assoc. Janet M. Glasgow Award to a female student for scholastic excellence.

Dr. Teresa Gottstine Magruder won The Merck Manual Award for excellence in medical education, one of only four given in the School of Medicine this year. Dr. Gresham also presented the Larry Mayes Memorial Scholarship award to a rising junior medical student for assistance in work in an underserved area to Birmingham-based student Anna Sobel.

Tuscaloosa seniors who were admitted for membership in the medical honorary Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) are Kris Cummings, MD, Teresa Gottstine Magruder, MD; Margaret Tait Moore, MD; and Brad Smith, MD. AOA is the only national medical honor society in the world. It was founded in 1902 to recognize and perpetuate excellence in the medical profession. Students in the top 15% of their class are eligible for membership in their junior year. Senior medical students are elected to the honor society based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, research endeavors, and commitment to the community. In addition, each chapter of AOA elects deserving housestaff, full-time faculty, and medical school alumni each year.

Departmental and research awards were presented (See column 2), and Rural Medical Scholars in the class were recognized.

### Departmental Awards 2002 Honors Convocation

- **Family Medicine**
  - William W. Wintermute Award
    - Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
    - Nada Bashir Memon, MD
- **Internal Medicine**
  - William W. Wintermute Award
    - Zanthia Evon Wiley, MD
    - Nada Bashir Memon, MD
- **Pediatrics**
  - Margaret Tait Moore, MD
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- **Psychiatry**
  - Peter Bryce Award
  - Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
  - Zanthia Evon Wiley, MD
- **Community Medicine**
  - Robert F. Gloor Award
  - Bradley Thomas Smith, MD
  - Nada Bashir Memon, MD
- **Surgery**
- **Obstetrics-Gynecology**
  - Family/Alkers Memorial Award
  - Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
  - and Nada Bashir Memon, MD
- **Neurology Award**
  - (first time awarded)
  - Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
  - and Nada Bashir Memon, MD
- **Student Research**
  - Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
  - and Nada Bashir Memon, MD

Dr. Beverly Jordan (I) and Dr. Zanthia Wiley, received the Robert F. Gloor Award recognizing excellence in Community and Rural Medicine. Presenter was Professor John Whead, MD.
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Second Class of Rural Medical Scholars Graduate from UA School of Medicine

The 1997 Rural Medical Scholars, the second class in the program, were recognized at the 2002 Honors Convocation in Tuscaloosa on May 17 along with other graduates of the University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM) who completed their clinical training during the third and fourth years of medical school at the College of Community Health Sciences. Rural Medical Scholars are (front): Danny Whitaker, MD, Winston County; Beverly Jordan, MD, Coffee County; Teresa Gebshile MeGruder, Mobile County; Tuscaloosa Senior Class President Julie Boothe, MD, Tuscaloosa County; and Brad Smith, MD, Fayette County. (Back) Dr. John Wheat, Professor of Community and Rural Medicine and founder of the UA Rural Scholars programs; Robert Vickers, MD, Mobile County; Clifton Gants, MD, Washington County Health Hale, MD, Bibi County; and Ruhji Jolani, MD, Talladega County. Rural Medical Scholars received several special awards at the convocation. Dr. Jordan won the William F. Wilder Award (a top CCHS honor named for the founding dean of the college), the Community Medicine Award, and the Student Research Award. Dr. Gebshile, a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) national medical honorary, won the Mercer Manual Award for excellence in medical education and received a UASOM research award at the Birmingham awards ceremony. Dr. Booth received the Family Medicine departmental award. Dr. Smith, an AOA member, won the Surgery Award and the Neurology Award and graduated from UASOM with summa cum laude honors.

Projects for Rural Students at CCHS Target Alabama’s Need for Physicians to Enter Practice in Rural Areas

To further the mission of CCHS—to supply well-trained doctors for rural Alabama and focus on ways to improve health services in rural communities—The University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences, a branch of the University of Alabama School of Medicine, has established several programs for rural students.

The Rural Medicine Pipeline is a series of programs created at The University of Alabama whose goal is finding and nurturing qualified rural students who are interested in becoming physicians and practicing in their hometowns or similar rural areas. These students are more likely than non-rural students to establish their medical practices in underserved areas after completing their training in urban medical centers.

The “pipeline” includes the programs for high school, minority, premed, and medical schools. See boxed program descriptions. The “pipeline” also incorporates summer field work and rural research options for students at all levels, an interim course at UA for Rural Health Scholars and other rural students during college, and rural rotations for medical students and physicians in the family practice residency program at UA’s College of Community Health Sciences. Other important components of the pipeline are a required community medicine rotation for all UASOM students, fellowships in rural medicine, and physician recruitment and retention activities.

Programs for Rural Students

• The Rural Medical Scholars Program (RMSP), which encourages high school students to consider careers in medicine and health professions and experience college first-hand. In this 5-week summer program, seniors from rural counties live on campus, take college courses, and learn about health careers. Since 1993, 245 Rural Health Scholars from 58 Alabama counties have attended.

• The Rural Medical Scholars Program (RMSP) for premed and medical students includes a year of special study prior to entry into medical school and specifically rural-oriented medical school experiences. College seniors or graduate students from rural areas are chosen each year to enter this highly selective program of the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama School of Medicine. RMSP focuses on rural primary care and community medicine and gives Scholars experience in rural settings. Peer support and interaction with practicing rural physicians begin during the prematriculation year continues as rural students matriculate to medical school in Birmingham for basic sciences, returning to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training during years 3 and 4 of medical school.

• A number of minority students from rural Alabama high schools have attended RMSP, but fewer minority students sought or qualified to become Rural Medical Scholars.

• The Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program (MRHPP) was initiated in 2001 in an effort to increase the number of minority students from rural Alabama who qualify for admission to medical school through the Rural Medical Scholars Program (RMSP) at The University of Alabama.

For more information: (205) 348-5889
http://www.ua.edu/~ruralmed

A former UA student asteroid Student Bowdon (RHSP '03) intern in dental school.

Brigitte Singleton (RHSP '01), Joseph Walker (RHS, RMS, RHE Counselor), Candace Terry (RHS) and other classmates with Bullock County children at Farm Safety Day Camp.

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Dr. Thomas Named First Emmanuel Jones, MD, Memorial Rural Family Physician Fellow

Hayneville, AL, family physician George G. Thomas, MD, a 1986 graduate of the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency, is the first recipient of the Dr. Emmanuel Jones Memorial Rural Family Physician Fellowship. Dr. Thomas was born in Salisbury, North Carolina, and graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta. He earned his MD degree at Howard University in Washington, DC, and completed his Family Practice residency training in Tuscaloosa at The University of Alabama's College of Community Health Sciences in 1986, becoming Board Certified in Family Practice that year. Dr. Thomas was Managing Physician of the Greensboro Center, West Alabama Health Services, for four years before assuming the same position at the organization's Lowndes County Center in 1990. Since 1991, he has practiced family medicine at the Lowndes Center of Health Services, Inc.

Dr. Thomas has been married for 18 years and has five sons. He is a member of the Steward Board and serves as Church Treasurer for Old Ship A.M.E. Church. Dr. Thomas participated last spring in a round table discussion of rural health care sponsored by the Montgomery Advertiser and was featured in a series of articles by Advertiser reporter Cynthia Yeldell about rural medical care because of his choice to practice in a rural area.

"Minority health is a major component of rural medical practice," said Dr. John Wool, Professor of Community and Rural Medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa campus, and founder of the Rural Scholars Programs at UA. "The Emmanuel Jones, MD, Memorial Rural Family Physician Fellowship strengthens the pipeline in its aim to prepare students for culturally sensitive approaches to all patients in rural Alabama."

Streiffer Is Top Family Doctor

Dr. Richard Streiffer (1980 grad, Tuscaloosa FP Residency) was included in a list of the best doctors in the country for families in a recent article in Ladies Home Journal. Celebrating the publisher of the consumer health-care guide America's Top Doctors, helped identify the nation's top doctors based on mail and telephone surveys, electronic ballots, and other research which asked area physicians to identify highly skilled, exceptional doctors. Educational and professional experience was used in making the final selection among those physicians most highly regarded by their peers, said the magazine's introduction to the lists.

Dr. Streiffer is Professor and founding Chair of Family Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine. He also set up the Family Practice Residency at Baton Rouge General.

CCHS Alums Provide Leadership

CCHS alumni served in leadership positions throughout the Alabama Chapter of AAFP (American Academy of Family Practice). Dr. Melissa Behringer, who finished both medical school and residency at CCHS (91/94), is the new President-Elect of the Alabama Chapter. A list of AAFP 2001/2002 board and officers taken from the annual dinner program (boldface type indicates CCHS alumni):

Bd. Chairman: Blaine Schilling, MD
President-elect: Claude Ousley, MD
President: Randall Weaver, MD
VP Northwest: Constance Harrison, MD
VP Northeast: Mike O'Dell, MD
VP Southeast: Florences Patterson, MD
VP Southwest: Boyd Bailey, MD
At-Large: Mark Keating, MD
At-Large: Melissa Behringer, MD
Congressional Dist. 1: Mike Smith, MD
Congressional Dist. 2: Lorri Haskell, MD
Cong. Dist. 3: Beverly Joseph, MD
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Tuscaloosa Co. Br.: Jimmie D. Clark, MD
Resident Rep. Joanna Canoba, MD
Student Rep. Beverly Jordan, (now an MD)

CCHS Alums Provide Leadership

Dr. Richard Streiffer (left) in June, 2000, when he was the speaker at the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency graduation dinner, and below with Jerry McKnight, MD, Chair of Family Medicine at CCHS, and Sam Gaskins, MD, Residency Director, after the event.

Dr. Emmanuel Jones, MD, Memorial Rural Family Physician Fellowship

George G. Thomas, MD, (front) a family physician in Hayneville, Alabama, and 1986 residency graduate, is the first Dr. Emmanuel Jones Memorial Rural Family Physician Fellow. The fellowship, given by Mrs. Jones of Marion in memory of her late husband, was jointly presented at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Chapter of AAFP by Jimmie Clark, MD, MPH, (r) a member of the AAFP Board, and John Wheat, MD, MPH, (back) Professor of Community and Rural Medicine and founder/director of the University of Alabama Rural Scholars programs.

Dr. Ann Chu (i) of Huntsville, outgoing president of AAFP, presided at the event in Decatur on June 15. (Photo by Holley Mitgley)

Notes from Alums

NAME: __________________________

Medical School (name and graduation date): __________________________

Residency (where and when?): __________________________

Other training: __________________________

Describe your current practice: __________________________

Address: __________________________

Please send alumni news to OnRounds. Include medical school and residency info and your current e-mail and phone. We are collecting pictures and stories from alumni and former faculty for the 30th Anniversary of the college this year.

Please attach details of awards or recognition, elected positions, research, community activities, or other professional and personal news:

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New Class of Rural Medical Scholars Chosen as Program Enters Seventh Year

The 2002-2003 Rural Medical Scholars were notified of their admission to the program after interviews in June with practicing rural physicians and medical school faculty from Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. Three undergraduates and seven graduate students make up the seventh class.

enter RMS — the Rural Medical Scholars Program. The first two classes of Rural Medical Scholars have graduated from medical school at UASOM and are now in residency training, most in primary care fields.

2002 Rural Medical Scholars

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CME conference schedules are available on the Health Sciences Library web site: www.bama.ua.edu/hslib

Tuesday, July 9
George Nunn, MD
“Trauma to the Chest”

Thursday, July 11
David Rice, MD
“Respiratory Emergencies”

Friday, July 12
Thomas Scott, MD
“Allergy Emergencies”

Tuesday, July 16
Mary Toshkoff, MD
“Major Psychiatric Emergencies”

Thursday, July 18
Karen Burgoon, MD
“Pediatric Shock”

Friday, July 19
Steve Lovelady, MD
“Airway Management”

Tuesday, July 23
John Munroe, MD
“Treatment of AMI”

Thursday, July 25
Stephen Bailey, MD
“Orthopedic Emergencies”

Friday, July 26
Ross Vanglin, MD
“Congestive Heart Failure”

Tuesday, July 30
William A. Curry, MD
“Hypertensive Emergencies”

Friday, August 2
Omar Smith, MD
“Urological Emergencies”

Thursday, August 6
Albert White, MD
“Upper GI Bleeding”

Thursday, August 8
James Shottis, MD, and
Carl Stephenson, MD
“Infectious Disease Emergencies”

Friday, August 9
Steve Lovelady, MD
“ENT Emergencies”

Tuesday, August 13
Keith DeBell, MD
“Trauma Patients & Multiple Injuries”

Thursday, August 15
Dwight Hooper, MD
“DKA & Related Emergencies”

Friday, August 16
James D. Geyer, MD
“OB/GYN Emergencies”

Tuesday, August 20
Ashley Evans, MD
“Neurological Emergencies”

Thursday, August 22
George Kulbicka, MD
“Pediatric Seizures”

Friday, August 23
E. Eugene Marsh, MD
“Eye Emergencies”

Thursday, August 27
W. Charles Brussell, MD
“Stroke”

Friday, August 29
S. B. Sundar, MD
“Acute Abdomen”

Friday, August 30
Michael Robards, MD
“Lower GI Bleeding”

“Acute Renal Failure”

Lunch is served at noon to medical students, residents, physicians in the community, and other health providers who apply for CME credits for these classes on emergency medical procedures. For more information, contact Vicki Johnson, Director of Advancement and CME, 348-0093, Johnson@CCHS.ua.edu

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