

On Rounds

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Dr. Pieroni Honored by The University of Alabama

CCHS Internal Medicine Professor Wins Top Teaching Award

Robert Pieroni, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine, received the 2002 Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award (OCTA) at The University of Alabama. He was one of four faculty members to receive the award, which is given by UA's National Alumni Association. OCTA is The University's highest honor for excellence in teaching. He was nominated by

John Burnum, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine at CCHS.

Established in 1976, the award recognizes dedication to the teaching profession and the positive impact professors have on their students. Previous CCHS recipients of OCTA are: **Elizabeth Cockrum, MD**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics; **James Leeper, PhD**, Professor of Community & Rural Medicine and Chair of the Department of Behavioral & Community Medicine when its name changed to reflect its rural mission; **William Winternitz, MD**, Professor, Internal Medicine; and former Community Medicine professor and UA Vice President, **Harry Knopke, PhD**.

Dr. Pieroni joined the faculty of the UA College of Community Health Sciences--the Tuscaloosa branch of the University of Alabama School of Medicine--in 1974 after completing his

internal medicine residency at the Harvard-Affiliated Hospitals. He received his bachelor's degree from Boston College. Before attending medical school at Penn State College of Medicine, he conducted research in microbiology that contributed to the development of the acellular pertussis vaccine and a novel test for bacterial endotoxin that bears his name.

Dr. Pieroni is a diplomate and fellow in five areas of medicine: internal medicine, family medicine, allergy and immunology, geriatrics and quality assurance. He has more than 300 publications in these disciplines and has been an editorial board member and reviewer of many journals. Pieroni was the first U.S. Visiting Professor at the Kyoto Medical Education Program in

Japan and has established an exchange program for medical residents at the University. He was named one of the "Best Doctors in America" and in the Southeast Region and is included in the *U.S. Guide to America's Top Family Doctors*.

He received the Golden Stethoscope Award for Clinical Teaching, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Achievement Medal, Clinical Recognition Award and the Alabama



Dr. Pieroni is congratulated by Bobby Wooldrige, President of the National Alumni Association, at the awards dinner at NorthRiver Country Club in Tuscaloosa in September.

Golden Eagle Humanitarian of the Year Award. A colleague said in a letter that his interests aid his effectiveness as a teacher: "His vast knowledge of medicine coupled with his perpetually inquisitive mind provide the background for a teaching experience that, in my opinion, few students ever encounter."

Sunday, November 24

Groundbreaking for
New Clinic Building

Lister Hill Society
Hosts the College's
30th Anniversary
Celebration

(See page 4)

27th Class of Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residents Graduate

Dr. **William Owings**, CCHS Interim Chair of Family Medicine, presided at the 27th annual graduation ceremony of the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency on June 20, 2002. DCH Healthcare Authority and DCH Regional Medical Center hosted dinner for the graduates and their families, followed by presentation of awards and special recognition.

Edward Martin, MD, Chairman of Family Medicine at LSU, was the speaker. Dr. Martin, who was Chief Resident in 1983-84, shared faculty photos from his CCHS days and today.

- 290 Family Physicians have graduated from Residency at CCHS.
- Fifty-four percent of CCHS grads practice in Alabama, half of these in towns of 25,000 or less.
- One in eight Alabama family physicians graduated from the program at CCHS, one of the most productive in the U.S.



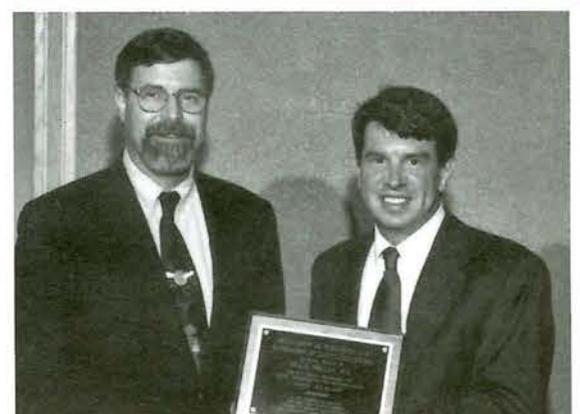
Dr. Martin focused on the impact of CCHS graduates.

Internal Medicine	Shane Phillips
Obstetrics/Gynecology	Anthony Buckles
Pediatrics	Shane Phillips
Psychiatry	Minerva Pineiro
R3 Conference Presentation	Kevin Katona and Anthony Buckles
Resident Teaching Award (presented by the Society of Teachers in Family Medicine)	Kevin Katona
William F. DeShazo III Family Practice Award	Jennifer Burdette and Kevin Katona



DeShazo Award winners Dr. Burdette (left) and Dr. Katona (right) with Chelley Alexander, MD, of the Family Medicine faculty, who presented the award.

Residency Director **Sam Gaskins, MD**, presented the *William R. Willard* Award to **Thomas Carter, MD**, the first year resident who most closely embodies the mission and goals of CCHS, and awards (in box at right) were presented. Chief Residents, **Jennifer Burdette** and **Shane Phillips**, received University of Alabama chairs in appreciation for their leadership. Dr. **Bobbi Adcock**, a residency graduate and former full-time CCHS family medicine faculty member, received special recognition from the graduating class and the Dept. of Family Medicine. (More pictures, p 4.)



Shane Phillips (right) receives the Pediatrics Award from Dr. Mike Taylor, Dept. Chair. Dr. Phillips, Chief Resident, also won Internal Medicine Award.

REFLECTIONS

by William A. Curry, MD, Dean

The CCHS Extended Family

Someone wise once said that the best advice to give a young person considering career choices is this: "Pick the job you would be willing to do for free." An impressive discovery for me has been how many people assist this College long after anyone would expect it. Alumni, retired faculty and staff, and loyal supporters of our mission form a strong network that is critical to our progress.



Dr. Curry

On a walk through our hospital services and clinics in recent years, you could still encounter great names from the history of CCHS: **Lumpkin, deShazo, Winternitz, Burnum**. On a walk through Nott Hall, you might run into them again as members of a committee writing the history of CCHS, joined by former deans **Wil Coggins** (general editor of the project) and **Roland Ficken** (chair of the committee), along with former residency director and preceptor **Dick Rutland**. At a CME Committee meeting, you might see **Bill Winternitz** again, as he continues to plan Grand Rounds speakers.

Down the street at the University Club, at a Lister Hill Society board meeting, former surgery chair **Bill Shamblin** would be pledging funds for student and resident computer labs, a project embraced by him and his family that culminated in state-of-the-art facilities named for his father, Dr. Roscoe Shamblin. He is joined by many volunteers in the society such as **Tommy Hester, Jim Flemming, Anne Monfore, Madeline Hill, Sammy Watson, and Alice Maxwell**, as well as those at the Capstone Health Services Foundation board – stalwarts over the years like **Sam Faucett, Gordon Rosen, Jim Merrell, and Ken DeWitt**. Then there are those involved in fundraising projects surrounding our new building, most notably **Anne Moman** and the team involved in funding the Betty Shirley Clinic for Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine. Back at Nott, the Advancement Group might be meeting, including again Dean Emeritus Ficken, who has continued to contribute his time to fundraising and special events.

David Bahar was a longtime member of our clinical faculty. We lost David in the past year, but his contributions to student and resident education live on through the David and Natica Bahar Endowed Memorial Lecture, to be held this year on November 15. Another recently departed good friend is **Alice McLean Stewart**, memorialized in the annual lecture on alcoholism and substance abuse named in her honor. The College continues to receive memorial gifts in honor of both the Bahars and Alice McLean, increasing the impact of their original donations. **Victor Poole**, who was instrumental in our founding, has added an endowment for the William Willard Awards for a graduating student and a graduating resident, ensuring those awards in Dr. Willard's name in perpetuity.

One problem with starting a litany of names is realizing just how many there are. At the risk of further omission, let me offer these as examples. They are accompanied by many more friends, some yet to be met, who will support the mission of CCHS/UA School of Medicine – Tuscaloosa as we educate students in clinical medicine, train residents in family practice, and respond to the needs of rural Alabama. From all of us whose lives are richer and whose work is more effective because of your unselfish gifts of time, talent, and money: Thank you.

Doctors for Rural Alabama: 2002 RMS

The UA College of Community Health Sciences greeted the 2002 Rural Medical Scholars and their families at a picnic in Tuscaloosa on August 18 prior to fall semester RMS orientation. Ten qualified students from rural areas are chosen each year by medical faculty and practicing rural physicians for the highly selective **Rural Medical Scholars** Program of The University of Alabama and the University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM). Admission is based on high academic achievement, character, and leadership qualities. This year's class will enter the UASOM next July after a year studying community medicine, primary care, and rural health issues and working with their preceptors (practicing family physicians). The Alabama Family Practice Rural Health Board provides the primary funding for the program, which is designed to recruit and prepare primary care physicians for Alabama's rural communities.



2002 RMS: (Front) David Corbett, Winfield; Ashley Coleman, Jackson; Tatum McArthur, Greenville; Jeb Hornsby, Opp. (Middle) Deanah Maxwell, Tuskegee; and Carrie Freeman, Samantha. (Back) Brad Guy, Millry; Ray Stewart, Phenix City; Michael Luther, Dawson; and Jon Binkerd, Shelby.



UA, Tuskegee Target Health Disparities in Blackbelt Region

NIH Grants \$7 Million for Project EXPORT

The National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, a division of NIH, recently announced the award of over 7.5 million dollars to Tuskegee University and The University of Alabama through Project EXPORT (Excellence in Partnerships for Community Outreach, Research on Health Disparities and Training). This award will establish a Center of Excellence through facilities on both campuses. The Center will demonstrate the effectiveness of combining the methods of public health and bioethics in research, education, and outreach to reduce disparities in disease and disabilities in Alabama's Blackbelt region.

Over the next five years, Tuskegee University and The University of Alabama will expand, strengthen, integrate, and focus infrastructure and programs in public health and bioethics, biomedicine, bioscience, and behavioral and social science research to maximize their impact on ameliorating disparities in diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS, and infant mortality. Activities will involve a broad array of faculty, students, staff, and community members at both universities and beyond. Dr. **Benjamin F. Payton**, President of Tuskegee University, will serve as Principal Investigator, with Dr. **John C. Higginbotham** serving as Principal Investigator for UA.

Dr. Higginbotham directs The University of Alabama Institute for Rural Health Research, which will provide administrative support. UA faculty who will be involved in Project EXPORT are: **Rex E. Culp**, PhD, JD (Professor, Endowed Chair, Human Environmental Sciences); **Rhoda E. Johnson**, PhD (Associate Professor, Women's Studies); **Melissa C. Kuhajda**, PhD (Assistant Professor, Community & Rural Medicine, Assistant Director of Research for the Institute for Rural Health Research); **James D. Leeper**, PhD (Professor of Community & Rural Medicine); **Sharol F. Jacobson**, RN, PhD (Professor, Associate Dean, Research and Practice, Capstone College of Nursing); **Grant T. Savage**, PhD (Professor, Endowed Chair, Management & Marketing); **Jeri W. Dunkin**, PhD, MPH, RN (Professor, Endowed Chair of Rural Nursing) and **John R. Wheat**, MD, MPH (Professor, Community & Rural Medicine).

Project EXPORT will involve a broad array of activities in research, community outreach, and education and training. These activities will include the creation of formal academic degree programs linking the two universities, accompanied by the coordination and enhancement of efforts currently ongoing at each institution and at partner institutions such as the University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center. The joint funding will also enhance efforts at both schools to create integrative, multidisciplinary programs with a holistic orientation and an emphasis on bioethics.

Wheat Addresses Economic Development at Auburn Seeks Community Partners for Rural Medical Pipeline

On September 19, Dr. **John Wheat**, Professor of Community & Rural Medicine and Director of UA Rural Scholars Programs, presented "Health Care and Economic Development: Rural Scholars Programs as Partners with Rural Communities" at the Alabama Cooperative Extension System 2002 Intensive Economic Development Training Course. Speaking to the statewide audience that attended, he discussed the role of physicians and health care facilities in the economic development of rural communities. He highlighted the Rural Scholars Programs of the University of Alabama and their role in helping develop the human resources that help build and sustain health sector developments in rural communities. Because several students in the first class of medical school graduates are nearing the end of the educational pipeline, he solicited the interest of rural community economic developers who wish to partner with these new doctors to "incubate" a rural health industry in their communities.

Office of Clinical Research Reports Studies at CMC

The Office of Clinical Research at Capstone Medical Center has a number of projects underway. Associate Dean E. **Eugene Marsh**, MD, and **Kay Fendley**, CCHS Coordinator of Sponsored Programs, provide direction for the Office of Clinical Research and assist faculty and staff conducting studies.

The Asthma Study directed by Drs. **Elizabeth Cockrum** and **Karen Burgess** has 16 patients and plans follow-up of those patients for one full year.

The HEIRS study, directed by Dr. **McKnight**, has processed more than 1900 participant forms. CMC lab personnel are drawing and testing all blood samples for the project.

The CMV Study, a vaccine study being conducted by Dr. **Ashley Evans**, has started enrollment of study participants, screening new mothers at the DCH Women's Center. Mothers who are seronegative are invited to enter the study.

◀◀ The **Rural Medical Pipeline** includes the Rural Health Scholars Program for high school students; the Minority Rural Health Pipeline Program, which students enter after graduation from high school; and the Rural Medical Scholars Program.

For information and applications for all the rural scholars programs, contact: Rural Scholars Program Office • Department of Community & Rural Medicine University of Alabama • Box 870326 • Tuscaloosa AL 35487-0326 • (205) 348-5892

New CCHS Family Practice Residents



Front Row: Beverly Jordan, MD; Krishna Doniparthi, MD; David Le, MD. Middle: Julia Boothe, MD; Larisa Bradford, MD; Ala Sahawneh, MD; J. D. Snipes, MD. Top Row: Michael Strickland, MD; Nikki Christensen, MD; Tanya Reynolds, MD; Stelian Andreca, MD; Jibri Wiggins, MD; and Residency Program Director Sam Gaskins, MD. Not Pictured: Mihaela Rosetti, MD.

Meet the New Residents

Stelian Andreca grew up in Bucharest, Romania. His father, a retired assistant professor of Medicine, persuaded him to become a physician. Dr. Andreca earned his medical degree from Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy in 1988 and has worked in New York City and in Meade, Kansas, a town of 2000, where his wife, Daniela, is an ultrasound technician. They have a 6-year-old son.

Julia Lett Boothe is from Buhl and graduated from Tuscaloosa County High School. She earned her degree in Biology from The University of Alabama in 1997. She was admitted to medical school at UASOM and completed coursework for an MPH. She is a Rural Medical Scholar and graduated from UASOM in 2002. She was president of the Tuscaloosa campus senior medical student class and won the Family Medicine Award at Honors Convocation in May, 2002. She was a coordinator with the Student Coalition for Community Health at UA and became aware of the need for physicians in rural areas. She and her husband, Aubrey, have a daughter, Laura Adelynn, born a month before Boothe received her MD.

Larisa Bradford, a native of Belarus, is the daughter of Olga and Victor Rashkevitch. She earned her MD from Minsk State Medical Institute in Minsk, Belarus in 1993. Her husband, Zane, is a territory manager with BellSouth in Hanceville. They have a seven-year-old son, Andrew. Dr. Bradford enjoys science and won awards for her research as a member of the student scientific society. She also likes music, theatre, and dancing as well as sports and reading. Her mother and grandmother influenced her decision to enter medicine, a profession she considers difficult but very rewarding.

Nikki Christensen, a 2002 graduate of UASOM, completed her clinical training in Tuscaloosa. She earned her B.S. at Samford University and was a pharmacist before going to medical school. She and her husband, Dale, are parents to Luke and Sarah Beth. In her spare time, Nikki is active in her church and enjoys softball, weight training, football, and tennis.

Krishna Doniparthi was born in Nellore, India, and received his MD from Grace University in 2000. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and earned distinction in biochemistry, physiology, and pharmacology and honors in anatomy, microbiology, and pathology. His wife is named Hemma, and his hobbies are running, climbing, and golf.

Beverly Jordan, a graduate of Zion Chapel High School in Jack, Alabama, earned her B.S. in Athletic Training at The University of Alabama in 1997. She became a UA Rural Medical Scholar and graduated from UASOM in May of 2002. During medical school, she served as student member of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians and was president of the medical students' Family Medicine Interest Group in Birmingham in 1999-2000 and in Tuscaloosa in 2001-2002. Her family physician, who helped her through a personal crisis during college, "opened my eyes to the joys of primary care," she says, and she loves the patient continuity of "womb to tomb" medicine. She has been active in advocacy for the special needs in rural Alabama and plans to combine sports medicine with her family practice in her home county of Coffee. She and her husband Mickey, who is general manager for Alabama Farmers Cooperative, have a five-year-old son, Dustin. Dr. Jordan's parents are Don and Linda Flowers of Jack.

David Le graduated from high school in Houston, Texas, where his parents, Minh and Lisa Le, still live. He earned a master's degree in clinical gerontology at Baylor and worked as a social worker/case manager in rural Texas before he became a physician. His social work experience showed him the need for family physicians in rural areas. He says the people who live in rural areas are some of the most kind and friendly people he has encountered and he looks forward to serving them. Dr. Le and his wife, Thuy (pronounced *twee*), are expecting their first baby, a girl to be named Elizabeth, in December.

Tanya Reynolds is the daughter of Stepanova Galina of Chisinau, Moldova. She earned her medical degree from State Medical & Pharmaceutical University in Chisinau in 1998. She has experience as an OR nurse, English teacher, and guide. She became interested in medicine as a teenager, and her favorite TV character was a woman on a detective show who was a forensic scientist. She and her husband Robert, a real estate consultant, expect their first baby in February.

Mihaela Rosetti grew up in a small village in Transylvania, Romania, where her grandparents lived. Being a doctor has been her goal since childhood and she followed in the footsteps of her aunt, a pediatrician working at one of the best hospitals in Romania. Dr. Rosetti left her peaceful village to go to school in the capital city of Bucharest, where her parents Dorina Epure and Andrei Zorzan still live. She earned her medical degree in 1997 from Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, earning honors in internal medicine, orthopedics, dermatology, surgery, toxicology, anesthesia, intensive care, and radiology. She is married to Radu Rosetti, an electrical engineer, and she enjoys skiing, travel, and symphonic music. She likes the feeling of community in small towns, the continuity of relationships, and the support people can give each other.

Ala Sahaweh is the son of Fawaz and Leila Sahawaneh of Tuscaloosa. He earned his doctor of medicine in 2001 from Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary. He enjoys travel and soccer. He says his father influenced his decision to pursue medicine by setting the example of hard work, perseverance, and commitment.

J.D. Snipes, graduated from Muscle Shoals High School and attended Birmingham Southern College, graduating *cum laude* in 1997 with a B.S. in Math. He was active in the Sigma Chi fraternity, Habitat for Humanity, and the Cahaba River Clean-up Society. Dr. Snipes is the son of Charles and Terri Snipes of Muscle Shoals. What he likes best about living in a rural area is no traffic, very few strangers, and that it is safer than city living.

Michael Strickland, a graduate of South Alabama, is transferring to pediatric residency training at the end of November.

Jibri Wiggins was born in Washington, D.C. and graduated from Ramsey High School in Birmingham. He graduated from Talladega College in 1997 and earned his MD at Howard University. He received the U.S. Navy Health Professional Scholarship and completed Officer School at the U.S. Naval Base in Newport, Rhode Island. He was influenced by his father Sam, a biology teacher, in his choice of a medical career. Jibri is the father of two-year-old Jelani.

Pharmacy Services Offered at Rural Clinic

Pharmacy services are available at a rural clinic operated by the Capstone College of Nursing because of Dr. **Miranda Andrus**, and her students. Capstone Rural Health Center opened in Parrish on June 4, 2001, said Dr. Andrus. "Parrish is a small town with a population of approximately 1200 and had been without a primary care facility for more than a year." The clinic is operated by The University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing and staffed by two nurse practitioners. It is funded through the Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The clinic, whose patient loads is approximately 40% uninsured, provides primary health care, health promotion, home visits, and community-based programs.

Miranda Andrus, PharmD, who is a faculty member at Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy and holds a joint appointment on the UA faculty as Assistant Professor of Community and Rural Medicine, began offering clinical pharmacy services at the clinic in July of 2001. Dr. Andrus teaches primary care rotations for fourth year Doctor of Pharmacy students from Auburn. The clinic provides a rural site for students in her preceptorships to experience pharmacy service in a primary care setting. She offers a lipid management service, a smoking cessation service, an anticoagulation service for patients on warfarin, and other pharmacotherapy services on an as-needed basis. Patients have individual appointments and receive comprehensive counseling on chronic diseases, medications, lifestyle modifications, and preventive health. Dr. Andrus works closely with the nurse practitioners to recommend changes to drug therapy, monitor for adverse drug reactions, monitor for drug interactions, and optimize care for each patient.



Dr. Andrus



Dr. Andrus provides services at the clinic two days per week along with pharmacy students from Auburn and pharmacy residents from DCH. The arrangement provides a unique learning environment for students to practice patient assessment, develop pharmacotherapy knowledge, and learn about working in a rural area. It also provides a unique interdisciplinary environment in which they work closely with nurse practitioners, nursing students, and nutrition students. Dr. Andrus is currently collecting outcome data on the pharmacy services provided and hopes to publish it to demonstrate the need for clinical pharmacy services in rural areas.

Faculty Appointments at CCHS

Christopher K. Finch, Pharm.D., Assistant Clinical Professor (joint appointment at Auburn University, Harrison School of Pharmacy, and University of Alabama School of Medicine) was born in Memphis, TN. Dr. Finch joined the Internal Medicine faculty in August 2001. He received a Bachelors degree in Chemistry from Lambuth University and the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee. He completed a specialized residency in internal medicine at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Finch precepts fourth year pharmacy students on an internal medicine rotation as well as fourth year medical students and family medicine residents on an applied pharmacotherapy rotation. His clinical interests include asthma, drug interactions, and significant adverse drug events.



Dr. Chris Finch

Dr. Finch presented his research on peak flow meters at the World Asthma Conference in Chicago in 2001 and repeated the presentation at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy meeting in April 2002. He is currently working in collaboration with members of Internal Medicine department on several manuscripts for publication.



Dr. Bronwen Lichtenstein

Bronwen Lichtenstein, Ph.D., is a medical sociologist and has recently been appointed as Associate Research Scientist with the Institute for Rural Health Research based at CCHS. Dr. Lichtenstein came to The University from UAB, where she has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology; an Affiliate Research Fellow in the Center for AIDS Research, the Lung Health Center, and the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) Clinical Research Center; and Associate Director of the Center for Social Medicine and STDs. The numerous articles, presentations and technical reports authored or co-authored by Dr. Lichtenstein have largely addressed HIV/AIDS and other STDs, maternity services and perinatal health, illicit drug use, and the social politics of health. Among her many publications are "How AIDS Became a Race Issue: The Case of Alabama"; "Secret Encounters: Black Men, Bisexuality and AIDS in Alabama"; "HIV Risk and Health Care Attitudes Among Detained Adolescents in Rural Alabama"; and "Women and Crack-Cocaine Use: A Study of Social Networks and HIV Risk in an Alabama Jail Sample."

Dr. Lichtenstein reviews funding applications for the Health Research Council (her native New Zealand's equivalent to the National Institutes of Health) addressing aspects of HIV/AIDS; women's health; illicit drug use; and the social history of epidemics. She is Principal Investigator of a study funded through the University of Alabama at Birmingham, titled "Stigma as a Barrier to Treatment and Screenings of STDs in the South Eastern States." In addition, she was an Investigator for a 1996-1998 study funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, titled "Epidemiologic Research Studies of AIDS and HIV Infection." Prior to becoming a sociologist, Dr. Lichtenstein enjoyed considerable success as a fiction writer, winning twelve literary awards for stories she published in Australian journals, magazines, and anthologies.

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New Facility Groundbreaking

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About the Lister Hill Society...

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.

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Bobbi Adcock, MD, receives special recognition from Dr. Bill Owings, Interim Chair of Family Medicine.



Top left: Dean Curry presents chairs engraved with the UA seal to Chief Residents, Shane Phillips, MD, and Jennifer Burdette, MD.
Center: Dr. Owings greets Dr. Ed Martin, former Chief Resident at CCHS, who spoke to graduates.
Bottom left: Dr. Minerva Pineiro (left) receives the Psychiatry Award from Elizabeth Rand, MD, Department Chair.



Anthony Buckles (r) OB/GYN



Dean Curry with Brett Campbell (center) and Dr. Pineiro (right).



2002 graduates (L-R): Drs. Minerva Pineiro, Breck Campbell, Drew Anthony, Kevin Katona, Jennifer Burdette, Anthony Buckles, Shane Phillips, and Aleksandra Frye.

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The College of Community Health Sciences is a clinical branch campus of the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Established in 1972, CCHS emphasizes family practice and the other primary care disciplines and provides a sound basic medical education for all medical students assigned to this campus. CCHS also trains family doctors through a three-year family practice residency program to meet the urgent need for family physicians. A primary focus of the CCHS mission is seeking solutions for rural health care problems in Alabama.

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