The first decade of Rural Medical Scholars to enter the RMS Program completed medical school at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, as the fifteenth class to enter RMSP was chosen. Six of the nine members of the tenth RMS class, which began in 2005-2006 with a year of rural community health study at The UA College of Community Health Sciences (CCHS), graduated in May, 2010: Brent Ballard, MD, Marion County; Chris Clayton, MD, Madison County; Robert Martin, MD, Houston County; Ashley Poe, MD, Winston County; Adam Shaw, MD, Etowah County; and Dana Todd, MD, Hale County. 2005 class members Mark Christensen and James Henderson are senior medical students this year. One class member did not continue in medicine.

Four of the six graduates chose family medicine for residency training: Drs. Ballard and Todd, Tuscaloosa program; Dr. Clayton, UAB-Huntsville (in his home county); and Dr. Martin, Greenwood, S.C. Dr. Poe will enter OB/GYN training in Pensacola; and Dr. Shaw will train in orthopedic surgery in Kansas City, Missouri.

Wheat Inducted to Alabama Health Care Hall of Fame with 2010 Class
University of Alabama Professor John Wheat, MD, MPH, was inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame on May 8 in Montgomery. Dr. Wheat, a member of the medical faculty in the departments of Community & Rural Medicine and Internal Medicine at the College of Community Health Sciences and the UA School of Medicine, was nominated by Tuscaloosa dentist Hiram Johnson, DMD. Dr. Wheat is widely known in Alabama and nationally for his work to help rural students who want to become rural primary care physicians. Dr. Wheat was named the 2007 Distinguished Educator by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). He has also received the Ira L. Myers Award from the Alabama Public Health Association and a commendation from the Alabama Family Practice Rural Health Board. He has been appointed by Governor