THE FUN BEGINS

In what has become a popular new tradition, the Medical Alumni Association kicked off White Coat Weekend by hosting the incoming class of medical students at a Birmingham Barons baseball game on Saturday, Aug. 13. Attendees enjoyed traditional baseball game fare and mingling with new classmates and their families while watching the Barons defeat the Chattanooga Lookouts 3-1. Multiple students won door prizes from local businesses for joining the MAA’s Student Alumni Association (pictured above).

The next day, award winners, honorees, and their families gathered at the Alys Stephens Center for another new tradition, the Service in Medicine Awards Luncheon, which took place before the White Coat Ceremony. After a welcome from Selwyn M. Vickers, M.D., FACS, senior vice president for medicine and dean of the School of Medicine, Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D. ’72, president of the Medical Alumni Association, presented the Martha Myers Role Model Awards to this year’s recipients (read more on page 6).

Next, Gold Humanism Honor Society President Tooba Anwer and Vice President Rebecca Duron recognized the Society’s 2016 inductees. The Gold Humanism Honor Society recognizes individuals who are exemplars of humanistic patient care and who can serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine. Ten members of the third-year medical class and 14 members of the fourth-year class were inducted into the society. Lisa Laycock Willett, M.D. ’96, R’99, professor of medicine in the Department of Medicine and program director for the Tinsley Harrison Internal Medicine Residency Program, was awarded the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. The award is given annually to a faculty member who best demonstrates...
the ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care; respect for patients, their families, and health care colleagues; and clinical excellence. As winner of the award, Dr. Willett will deliver the keynote address at next year’s White Coat Ceremony.

Dr. Vickers closed the luncheon by recognizing School of Medicine legacy students and their families. Sixteen members of the incoming class have parents, grandparents, and/or other family members who are also graduates of the School of Medicine, or have a sibling who is currently enrolled.

THE MAIN EVENT

At 2 p.m., the 186 members of the incoming class filed into the Alys Stephens Center’s Jemison Concert Hall and took their seats before the stage, on which sat rows of School of Medicine leadership and faculty, for the 2016 White Coat Ceremony. Created in 1993 by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation to emphasize the importance of compassion, in addition to clinical skill, in the practice of medicine, the White Coat Ceremony has become a common feature at American medical schools. It is at the ceremony that incoming medical students receive their first white coat, a powerful symbol of the challenge before them and the bonds they will form to the noble tradition of being a physician.

The ceremony began with a welcome from Drs. Vickers and Folmar. The keynote address was presented by Kevin J. Leon, M.D., R ’99, F ’02, associate dean of undergraduate medical education and the 2015 winner of the Leonard Tow Award for Humanism in Medicine. Dr. Leon spoke movingly of the profound impression made on him by a 13-year-old leukemia patient named Michael whom Dr. Leon came to know while doing his pediatric rotation as a third-year medical student at Baylor College of Medicine. The boy eventually succumbed to the disease, Dr. Leon said, but he still credits that time spent with Michael for teaching him about inner strength and courage, and “what it truly means to dedicate yourself to others.”

Two awards were presented after the keynote address. Third-year medical student Salmaan Z. Kamal of Tuscaloosa became the second recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship, which was established by the family of Dr. Sara Finley. The scholarship, which honors the legacy of a pioneer in medical
genetics and a beloved faculty member and student mentor, supports students who demonstrate exceptional academic and leadership abilities.

The second annual Brewer-Heslin Award for Professionalism in Medicine was awarded to Desiree E. Morgan, M.D., R’93, vice chair of education and the residency program director for the UAB Department of Radiology. The award, which was established by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, recognizes faculty physicians for upholding the highest ideals of professionalism in medicine. According to Cheri L. Canon, M.D., FACR, R’98, Witten-Stanley Endowed Chair of Radiology, “Desiree has always embraced the concept of service lines in clinical care and has strongly advocated for radiologists to be embedded in patient care areas, not hidden away in dark reading rooms.”

Then it was time for the students to file across the stage and be helped into their white coats—provided by the Medical Alumni Association—by representatives of the School of Medicine’s regional campuses. David L. Bramm, M.D., R’89, assistant professor of family medicine at the Huntsville campus; Wick J. Many, Jr., M.D. ’73, regional dean of the Montgomery Campus and holder of the Virginia Loeb Weil Endowed Professorship in Medical Education; and Thaddeus P. Ulzen, M.D., associate dean of academic affairs at the College of Community Health Sciences in Tuscaloosa, were on hand to do the honors.

The ceremony closed with the students reciting the class mission statement they had composed during orientation:

A MODEL OF LEADERSHIP

Salmaan Kamal has become the second recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship, which supports students who demonstrate exceptional academic and leadership abilities. At the School of Medicine’s White Coat Ceremony, Kamal received a new white coat with special insignia identifying him as the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholar. “It is humbling to be recognized as someone with the integrity to carry out Dr. Finley’s legacy of service,” Kamal said.

Born in Chicago and raised in Tuscaloosa, where his parents practice medicine – his father is an endocrinologist and his mother a cardiologist – Kamal graduated from Princeton University with a degree in molecular biology.

Kamal is spending his third year of medical school in Tuscaloosa and nearby areas, starting with a family medicine rotation in rural Fayette, population 4,600. “This was a great opportunity to see how health policy affects the practice of medicine,” he says. “Since then, I’ve been on my OB/GYN rotation and have enjoyed being in the hospital, even with the long nights.”

Kamal has made no decisions on a specialty, noting that he is following the advice of his physician mentors, parents, grandmother, and sister to let his clinical rotations guide his choice. He currently serves as the president of the Class of 2018.
In the care of the suffering, we commit ourselves to continuous learning and practice of our chosen profession. We will always care for our patients with compassion, never forgetting that we will treat human beings—not merely their chief complaints.

In pursuing such compassion, we will celebrate our differences, which make us unique, caring for the needs of both our colleagues and patients alike.

In our daily practice, we shall conduct ourselves with integrity, keeping sacred the confidence and trust given to us by those who seek our advice.

Ultimately, we pledge to hold high the standards of medical professionalism practiced by generations of physicians before us, treating both each other and those we are called to serve ethically.

In what is sure to be a meaningful new tradition, each of the white coats for the incoming medical students, provided by the Medical Alumni Association, included words of encouragement from a School of Medicine alumnus. More than 150 alumni submitted handwritten notes to be slipped into the pockets of the white coats of this year’s incoming class. The MAA is accepting notes from alumni for next year’s white coats all year long. If you would like to write a note for next year’s incoming students, please contact Beth Eddings at 205-934-4471 or betheddings@uab.edu.
When MAA President Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., graduated from the School of Medicine in 1972, the average debt of graduating medical students was about $5,000. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, by 2014 the average amount of medical school debt for graduates had climbed to $183,000.

Dr. Folmar retired from practice in January and is now focused on helping the next generation of physicians. “One of the main things that is very evident in today’s medical school experience is student debt. It’s overwhelming,” he says. To help ease that burden, the Folmars have made a gift to establish the Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship, which will support third- or fourth-year students who wish to pursue careers in primary care medicine.

“One我希望, we can push new physicians toward primary care by helping decrease student debt,” he says. “The scholarship is just a small fraction of tuition, but hopefully it will have some impact. If we can show that one individual can do it, maybe we can inspire more to give.”

To learn more about giving to scholarships in the School of Medicine, contact Jessica Brooks Lane at 205-975-4452 or jblane@uab.edu.

Equal Access Birmingham held its third annual Heart + Sole 5K and Kids’ Run on Saturday, Aug. 20, to raise funds for the medical student-run free clinic, which provides health education and medical care to Birmingham’s uninsured and underserved population. This year’s run took place at Crestline Elementary school. In addition to registration fees, there was also a $25 “sleep-in” option for people who wanted to support the cause but not participate in the run.

According to second-year medical student Jui Paul, one of the race organizers, students raised $21,000 for the clinic from race registration fees and sponsorships, including a sponsorship by the Medical Alumni Association. A total of 437 people registered for this year’s event. “We were thrilled with the participation and support from the UAB and Birmingham community this year. We feel so blessed to have so many people come out for our clinic,” Paul said.

Organizers also hosted a clerkship competition among departments in the School of Medicine and UAB Hospital. With 49 registered participants, the Department of Surgery was the competition winner, followed by the Department of Medicine and the Department of Radiation Oncology. Internal Medicine intern Connor Wann, M.D., came in first place in the 5K.
The 2016 White Coat Awards Luncheon featured the presentation of the Medical Alumni Association’s Martha Myers Role Model Awards to three distinguished alumni. Martha C. Myers, M.D. ’71, served as a medical missionary in Yemen until her death at the hands of a Yemeni extremist in 2002. Dr. Myers’ life serves as a reminder of how physicians are integral members of a greater community that extends beyond patient care at the bedside, clinic, and hospital. It is in the spirit of service for others in all aspects of life that the MAA is honored to recognize the recipients of the Martha Myers Role Model Award.

GARRY W. MAGOUIRK, M.D., CLASS OF 1980

Raised in the small town of Ohatchee, Ala., Garry W. Magouirk, M.D., graduated from the School of Medicine in 1980 and spent his three-year residency in the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency program.

During his first year of residency he was approached by Brother Byron White, a Methodist minister from Berry, Ala., with a unique opportunity. Brother White offered Dr. Magouirk the opportunity to enter into an arrangement with the Berry community, which agreed to provide financial support for his medical education in exchange for his commitment to return to the community to practice family medicine after completing his residency. Making good on his commitment to Berry, as a resident Dr. Magouirk began to involve himself in the community, serving as the team physician for Berry High School, a position he held until 2008.

After completing his residency, Dr. Magouirk came to Berry and began his practice. He later moved the practice to neighboring Fayette, where he built a large practice that serves patients from both Berry and Fayette. He is loved and respected in the community and by his patients.

Dr. Magouirk helped to formalize the development of a required rural rotation for Tuscaloosa Family Practice Residency Program residents in Rural Alabama Health Alliance counties, including Fayette. He also was influential in creating the Rural Medical Scholars Program at the University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences. This program creates opportunities similar to that which he had with Berry, nurturing and financially assisting medical students in exchange for a commitment to serve in rural Alabama as physicians. Dr. Magouirk has served as a preceptor for more than 20 medical students in the past 25 years and as a member of the School of Medicine Admissions Committee.

Dr. Magouirk met his wife, Jan, during his first year of residency, and they have been married for 35 years. They raised a daughter, Beth, and son, Michael, in Berry and are members of the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Magouirk’s two grandchildren, Haven and Graeme, are the lights of his life. Dr. Magouirk was nominated for this award by John R. Wheat, M.D. ’76, who has worked with him for the past 25 years.

DANIEL C. POTTS, M.D., FAAN, RESIDENT 1997

Raised in Aliceville, Ala., neurologist Daniel C. Potts, M.D., FAAN, attended Birmingham-Southern College, the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, and UAB School of Medicine, remaining on faculty at both medical schools. His mother was an English teacher, librarian, and musician and his father was a saw miller and outdoorsman.

Early role models included Pickens County practitioners Dr. Robert Wilson, Dr. James Gentry, and Dr. William Hill, whom Dr. Potts felt personified what physicians should be. Later, another Pickens County physician, Dr. William Curry, solidified that mold. In medical school and residency, Dr. John Bass and Dr. John Whitaker, among others, helped Dr. Potts fit this template. For the influence of these master teachers, Dr. Potts is humbly thankful.
After residency, Dr. Potts’ father, Lester, developed Alzheimer’s disease, and Dr. Potts personally experienced the tragedies and triumphs of dementia caregiving. During a particularly challenging time for his caregivers, Lester started to paint while attending a dementia day program that offered art activities. The art changed everything—Lester Potts could paint watercolors, and no one would have known had someone not cared enough to look past a seemingly blank canvas to the colorful soul beneath.

Inspired by watching his father’s spirit freed from the bonds of Alzheimer’s through art, Dr. Potts started writing poetry expressive of profound gratitude and published a book of his poetry paired with his father’s art (the first of many books). After his father’s death, Dr. Potts formed Cognitive Dynamics, a foundation dedicated to improving quality of life in dementia through the expressive arts and storytelling. The foundation’s primary program, Bringing Art to Life, pairs college students with people who have dementia in an art therapy, life-story preserving, service-learning experience that fosters empathy and intergenerational relationships.

Dr. Potts enjoys hiking, writing, photography, singing, finding beauty in the small things, and spending time with his wife, daughters, and miniature dachshund. Grace is the most important word in his vocabulary; he has been a recipient of its great treasure.

“His work has done so much for caregiver support for Alzheimer’s locally and nationally, and for many years he has been a fabulous teacher,” said Julia L. Boothe, M.D. ‘02, who nominated Dr. Potts for this award.

MICHAEL S. VAUGHN, M.D., ABPM, CLASS OF 1981

Michael S. Vaughn, M.D., grew up in Homewood and attended Berry High School, now Hoover High School. He went to the University of Alabama on a mechanical engineering scholarship and worked as a mechanical engineer for three years before deciding to attend the School of Medicine. Graduating in the top of his class in 1981, he was voted Outstanding Senior Medical Student. Dr. Vaughn is board certified in Preventive Medicine and takes a keen interest in nutrition, vitamins, and exercise.

After completing his internship at Carraway Methodist Medical Center, he joined Southern Medical Group in 1982 doing emergency medicine. Later that year he founded MedHelp P.C., the first Urgent Care/Family Practice in the state of Alabama. Since then MedHelp has served more than a million patients and has expanded to three locations in the Birmingham area. MedHelp provides the full range of family and internal medicine (except for obstetrics), employing 10 full-time physicians, two nurse practitioners, and several part-time physicians. Dr. Vaughn is a Bible-believing Christian who feels that the Golden Rule is the basis for his practice of medicine: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Dr. Vaughn is a member of the American Association of Family Physicians and an Associate Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at UAB. He has mentored more than 200 medical students over the past 30 years, hosting many in his clinic through their clinical clerkships.

Dr. Vaughn has been an active Boy Scout leader and was awarded the highest Scout honor, the Order of the Arrow, in 2014. He has volunteered at M-Power Ministries clinic, providing free health care and medicine to the underserved and uninsured in Birmingham. He has done medical mission work in El Salvador, taking care of those affected by the country’s civil war. Even though the corruption of the Haitian government makes caring for the average citizen difficult, he has also served as a medical missionary to Haiti, caring for people in dire need of help.

He and his wife of 40 years, Sandra Johns, have six children and live in Inverness. Recently, Dr. Vaughn’s son, Jordan, joined his father’s practice after completing his Internal Medicine Residency at UAB Hospital.

Dr. Vaughn was nominated by Dr. Pink L. Folmar, Jr. who shared that, “Dr. Vaughn’s soft spoken voice, constant smile, and outgoing, caring attitude serve as an example of how medicine should be practiced. He never lets an opportunity pass to pay a compliment to a patient or employee.”
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE
Meet the 2016/2017 Medical Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients

We consider nurturing the next generation of leaders in medicine to be among the Medical Alumni Association’s most important missions. To that end, we are pleased to present the recipients of MAA-funded scholarships for the 2016/2017 academic year, who received nearly $70,000 in scholarships thanks to the generosity of our members.

EDWARD CHEN, MS4
Hometown: Anniston, Ala.
Undergraduate: Emory University, BA in Chemistry & Economics
Jimmy Beard Medical Alumni Endowed Scholarship Recipient

What part of your medical training has appealed to you most? In terms of third-year clerkships, I enjoyed internal medicine because of the interesting medical conditions that patients had and having to formulate a diagnosis and plan for these patients. I enjoyed researching and reading about management of medical conditions and acquired a lot of practical knowledge.

ANN ELIZABETH DAVIS, MS4
Hometown: Winfield, Ala.
Undergraduate: Samford University, BS in Biology
Medical Alumni Association/Dean of Medicine Scholarship

What draws you to medicine? My grandfather is a family medicine physician in a rural town near my hometown. At age 75, he continues to practice because he enjoys his work so much. Seeing the way that he loves and is loved by his community helps me to see the profound impact that a physician can have.

What are your goals for the future? I am currently in the process of applying to pediatric residency. When I envision my average day in the future, I see myself caring for patients I know by name. I will be performing back-to-school check-ups for the students who are in class with my own children. I will care for the newborns of my neighbors. I hope to be active in my community, both professionally and personally. Additionally, I hope to be involved in short-term mission trips to underprivileged areas both in the U.S. and abroad.

DEEPA ETIKALA, MS3
Hometown: Madison, Ala.
Undergraduate: University of Alabama at Birmingham, BS in Neuroscience
Medical Alumni Association/Dean of Medicine Scholarship

What draws you to medicine? As an undergraduate at UAB, I had the opportunity to shadow and work with pediatric neurologist Dr. Alan Percy who specializes in Rett Syndrome. His approach to his patients and their families is inspiring. Dr. Percy always communicates in a friendly and effective manner, enabling families to become informed and feel in control of their situation. After witnessing the effect such an approach can have in what are often dire situations, I plan to emulate this style. As a future physician, I will work toward always communicating clearly with patients to afford them the same opportunities to become knowledgeable and gain control of their situations.

RYAN HADDEN, MS4
Hometown: Salem, Ore.
Undergraduate: Oregon State University, BS in Exercise and Sport Science
UA Medical Alumni Association/Birmingham Surgical Society Endowed Scholarship

What draws you to medicine? For nearly 10 years, my mother has been battling colorectal cancer. While I was an undergraduate, my grandmother was diagnosed with leukemia. It was difficult for the entire family since the time from diagnosis to death was just five months. Her oncologist, however, was a man of integrity. Aware of her grim prognosis and likely sensing our fear, he would return at the end of his shift just to talk. His compassion and command of the intricacies surrounding death and dying offered us a sense of stability.

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and comfort in a time of chaos and uncertainty. I never got
the chance to thank him, but I have had the opportunity to try
to pay that forward.

During my medicine clerkship, I helped manage the
care of an elderly woman with dementia presenting with
osteomyelitis. Her large family accompanied her, refusing
to leave her side. As a busy team, we lacked the capacity
to spend quality time with every patient during rounds,
but I made sure to return at the end of each day in order
to decode for the family the science behind their mother’s
condition. I printed off every test that was run and medication
administered, explaining the purpose of our efforts. Despite
having to make the transition from curative to palliative care,
the family was grateful for my time and attention.

Why is this scholarship meaningful to you? For those
applying into competitive specialties, the average cost of the
residency application process is nearly $5,000. In addition,
over 20 percent of U.S. graduating applicants in 2016 failed
to match into my chosen specialty, orthopaedic surgery.
However, the match rate approaches nearly 90 percent
for those who are able to attend at least 12 interviews. My
scholarship has helped to offset the cost of my education,
which in turn helped me pay for the residency application
process. I’m forever thankful for the assistance I received.

WILLIAM B. LEE, MS4
Hometown: Marion, Ala.
Undergraduate: Auburn University, BS in Biomedical Sciences
Medical Alumni Association/Dean of Medicine Scholarship
What draws you to medicine? I was first drawn to medicine as a child
while spending time with my father in his family medicine clinic in Marion. I
enjoy the challenges and the rewards that a career in medicine offers, and I
can honestly say that I cannot imagine doing anything else with my life.

Why is the scholarship you received meaningful to you? I feel like many of my peers who have substantial
student debt from medical school are dissuaded from
choosing family medicine as a career because of its lower
compensation. My scholarship has significantly decreased
the financial burden of medical school for me, giving me the
freedom to pursue the field that I am most passionate about
without concern for how I am going to pay off my debt.

DALLAS MORAN, MS1
Hometown: Glencoe, Ala.
Undergraduate institution: UAB, BS in General Biology
Medical Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship
What draws you to medicine? I have always had an eye for science
and wanting to be there for people in need. In medicine, I found a field that
incorporates both of my interests. It is also a field that is constantly evolving
which allows me to continue my education even after I have obtained
my degree.

Why is this scholarship meaningful to you? With the high
cost of medical school, a lot of people are choosing their
specialty based on anticipated income. With this scholarship,
I am more free to choose a specialty based on my interests.

JAMES B. WILHITE, MS4
Hometown: Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Undergraduate: University of Alabama, BS in Chemical Engineering
Medical Alumni Association/Dean of Medicine Scholarship
What draws you to medicine?
I was drawn to medicine by my father. He is an internist in
Tuscaloosa who did medical school and residency at UAB. When I went to medical school I thought I wanted to follow in his footsteps in internal medicine. However, during my third year I did a rotation at Callahan and realized that I love ophthalmology. I was initially exposed to ophthalmology in college when I went to Bolivia on a medical mission trip and worked in an eye clinic for a week providing glasses to locals.

Why is this scholarship meaningful to you? Because of this scholarship, I have been able to focus on school and discover my passion to become an ophthalmologist. In addition, it has helped support me and my family, as I got married at the start of medical school and am soon to become a father.

BRADLEY YOUNG, MS4

Hometown: Auburn, Ala.
Undergraduate: Auburn University, BS in Biomedical Sciences

Jimmy Beard Medical Alumni Endowed Scholarship
Do you have any role models who inspired you to study medicine? Born into a third-generation farming family, I was quickly taught the ethic of hard work. However, I lacked a familial role model in the medical field. I am forever thankful to the exceptional individuals who filled this void and mentored me throughout my journey toward medical school: Dr. Glenn Woods, an anesthesiologist in Auburn; physicians at The Orthopaedic Clinic in Auburn – Dr. Frazier Jones, Dr. Todd Sheils, Dr. David Scott, and Dr. Ronald Hillyer; Dr. Keith Bufford, a family medicine physician in Auburn; and many others.

Why is this scholarship meaningful to you? My fiancée, who is also a fourth-year medical student, and I will be married in February and matching into residency together in March. Our compounded student loan burden is daunting in itself; moreover, the “Couple’s Match” historically requires that we apply to more programs than uncoupled applicants, which increases our application and travel expenses. The MAA scholarship is invaluable to me because it makes it possible for us to focus on our medical studies and reach our full potential, which might otherwise have been hindered by finances.

To give to MAA scholarships, call 205-934-4463 or visit our website at www.AlabamaMedicalAlumni.org.
To establish a new scholarship honoring a loved one, contact Jessica Brooks Lane at 205-975-4452 or email jblane@uab.edu.

MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL RETURNS Discover what medical school is like for today’s students. Learn about the current curriculum from medical education leadership, experience simulation and other contemporary learning techniques, and listen to what students have to say about their experience at the School of Medicine.

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT Make plans to attend Best Medicine Show (formerly Skit Night) at the newly renovated Lyric Theatre on Friday night (limited tickets available).

CME FOCUS – ADVANCES IN SURGERY

NEW HOTEL LOCATION
Embassy Suites by Hilton | 2960 John Hawkins Parkway | Hoover, Alabama | alabamamedicalalumni.org
This summer the Medical Alumni Association has been busy planning for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic year. Activities began during White Coat Weekend in August with our Barons Baseball welcome event for first-year students. It is always encouraging to meet the hardworking, well-deserving students who are starting their journey toward a career in medicine.

I am pleased to announce that our Alumni Campaign goal of $30 million is well within reach. As of September 30, we have raised $27,456,053 and are at 91.5 percent of our goal. Thank you to those who have made a Campaign gift, and if you are still contemplating a gift know that these funds will have a great impact on our School of Medicine. Please contact Jackie Wood, Executive Director of Development, at 205-996-0815 or jfwood@uab.edu for more information.

I’d also like to offer an update on the Dr. Rob McDonald Memorial Endowed Medical Scholarship, which was established by the Class of 2008 after Dr. McDonald’s untimely death in summer 2014. The fund has reached the $25,000 threshold and is ready to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. This fund speaks volumes about the legacy that Dr. McDonald left, and this scholarship will honor his memory for years to come. The scholarship will support nontraditional medical students interested in public health, medical mission work, and/or infectious disease medicine.

It is with great sadness that I share news of the passing of two true friends of the Medical Alumni Association. Former Medical Alumni Association President Dr. Julius “Beau” Dunn, of Wetumpka, passed away in August. Hettie Butler Terry, wife of Dr. Aubrey Terry and the namesake of the Hettie Butler Terry Community Service Award presented each year at Alumni Weekend, passed away on September 5. Our deepest condolences go out to both families during this time of great loss.

We hope you are making plans to join us in February at the 2017 Medical Alumni Weekend. Mark February 24 and 25 down on your calendar today! The popular Mini Medical School program will be back for its third year, and we are adding some new activities as well, including campus bus tours and the opportunity to attend Best Medicine Show.

The Best Medicine Show has evolved from the smaller scale Skit Night event into a major fundraiser for the student-run free clinic, Equal Access Birmingham. This year’s show will be held in Birmingham’s historic Lyric Theater. If you would like to attend, be sure to register soon as we are limited to 100 tickets. Online registration for Alumni Weekend is available now at www.AlabamaMedicalAlumni.org.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Medical Alumni Association. We hope that you enjoy this issue of Informal Rounds and take the time to see where our association and our alma mater are making a difference in the medical arena. If you are not an active member of our organization, please consider paying your dues to support the great work that is happening within and through our organization.

MEDICAL STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE CHANGES ANNOUNCED

After two years as a student representative on the MAA board, Corey Duke, MS3, recently stepped down to pursue a Ph.D. in neurobiology through UAB’s M.D./Ph.D. program. He is studying the molecular underpinnings of learning, memory, and addiction in the lab of Jeremy Day, Ph.D. “Serving on the board has been an incredible learning experience and I have cherished interacting with the incredible alumni of the School of Medicine,” Corey says.

Salmaan Kamal, third-year class president, joined the board this August. He was raised in Tuscaloosa and attended Princeton University, where he earned certificates in molecular biology and global health. He worked at the National Coalition on Health Care in Washington, D.C. before matriculating to the School of Medicine. He served as the president of Equal Access Birmingham for one year. He is currently training in Tuscaloosa. In his limited free time, Sal enjoys playing tennis, watching movies, and traveling.
George C. Smith, Sr., M.D. ’65, honored on April 30 with The Federation of State Medical Boards – John H. Clark M.D. Leadership Award.

E. Gaylon McCollough, M.D. ’69, ’74 resident, featured in an academic critique of a recently released plastic surgery textbook, Aesthetic Rejuvenation of the Face and Neck.

Bennett A. Alford, M.D. ’72, honored with Nation’s Best Doctors Award 2015-2016.

John A. Fincher, Jr., M.D. ’74, ’78 resident, awarded TriCities HealthCare Hero and Award of Merit, Tennessee Hospital Association.

Joseph C. Steele III, M.D. ’77, ’80 resident, founding member of Providence Family Physicians in Mobile, Ala., retired from practice on April 30.

Weston J. Welker, M.D. ’80, published in The Leading Physicians of the World as a new member of the International Association of HealthCare Professionals.

Ken B. Waites, M.D. ’81, ’86 resident, received the Emmy Klieneberger-Nobel Award for outstanding achievement in mycoplasmology research, awarded by the International Organization for Mycoplasmology, Brisbane, Australia, in July.

Michael E. McConnell, M.D. ’82, ’85 resident, received Adult Congenital Heart Disease board certification and honored as 2016 Best of Atlanta Physicians.

Arthur E. Constantine, M.D. ’87, wrote and published a book and study guide, It’s Always the Heart.

Jeanne James, M.D. ’90, named vice president and chief medical officer of BlueCare Tennessee.

G. Wright Bates, Jr., M.D. ’91, received the 2016 American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Mentor Award.

Ali M. Parden, M.D. ’09, joined Urology Associates of Tupelo as the first female urogynecologist in Mississippi.


George M. Cooper, M.D. ’60, of Tuscaloosa, June 12, 2016.


Kenneth “Inge” Holman, M.D. ’64, of Pensacola, Fla., November 12, 2015.


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Have you achieved a career milestone? Hit the headlines? Made a move? Share the news with your classmates in the next issue of Informal Rounds.

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With the passing of Julius E. “Beau” Dunn, Jr., M.D., in August, the Medical Alumni Association lost a dedicated supporter and dear friend. A native of Wetumpka, Ala., he graduated from the School of Medicine in 1961 with honors. He followed that with an internship at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital until 1962 and training in Pensacola, Fla., whereupon he became a Naval Flight Surgeon. In 1966, he and his wife, Mary Elizabeth (“Ebba”) Kendall Dunn returned to Wetumpka where he joined his father in the practice of family medicine. Father and son would practice together until Dr. Julius E. Dunn, Sr.’s retirement in 1983. In 1990, Spencer J. Coleman, M.D., joined his practice. He is known to have said that serving the community in Wetumpka was one of the greatest blessings of his life.

Dr. Dunn was not only active in his Wetumpka community through his medical practice but also through his civic involvement. He served as a member of multiple local boards and chaired the Elmore Community Hospital and the Wetumpka Water Works and Sewer Board, overseeing the building of a multimillion-dollar facility to serve the growing area. He served as president of the Medical Alumni Association from 1970 to 1971. Dr. Dunn would stay an active voice within the Medical Alumni Association for many years after his term as president.

The field of medicine was always held to high regard in the Dunn household, so much so that recently the couple donated multiple items to UAB’s Historical Collections Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences.

The first donated item (pictured at right, center) was given by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (“Ebba”) Dunn—a Civil War-era Hernstein & Son Surgical Kit issued by the U.S. Army. Mrs. Dunn shared that the surgical kit belonged to her great-grandfather, Allen O. Kendall, M.D. Dr. Kendall and his wife reared Mrs. Dunn’s father after the passing of his mother from childbirth fever when he was only five weeks old. The surgical kit was given to him, and he in turn gave it to Mrs. Dunn. The surgical set, stored in its original mahogany case, dates from 1861. The set’s saw design was influenced by an early French design, and the instruments are ivory handled.

The second donated item was a medical bag frequently used by Dr. Beau Dunn. It was given to him from the Lily Company upon graduation from the School of Medicine in 1961. The third item (pictured at bottom) was another medical bag gifted to Dr. Dunn from the Upjohn Company that he received after graduation.

Other items donated include an encyclopedia of Civil War medical instruments, miscellaneous medicines, and a porcelain bed pan. The Historical Collections is thankful for these items given in Dr. Dunn’s memory. He will be greatly missed.
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