



The University of Alabama at Birmingham

UAB, MARNIX E. HEERSINK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 AT 1 P.M.

BARTOW ARENA

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

**Welcome to the 2023 Commencement Ceremony
of the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine.**

Today's ceremony is the culmination of years of study, preparation, and achievement by our graduating students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

**ABOUT THE UAB MARNIX E.
HEERSINK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

In grateful recognition of a transformational \$95 million lead gift from longtime University of Alabama at Birmingham supporter Marnix E. Heersink, M.D., the UAB School of Medicine is now named the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine.

The record gift is the single largest philanthropic commitment in university history and named the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine, as well as established the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation and the Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health. The gift will provide support with both endowed and outright funds for key initiatives of the Heersink School of Medicine. Dr. Heersink, a renowned eye surgeon, innovator, and entrepreneur, desires for this gift to inspire and catalyze additional philanthropic contributions that support high-impact recruitments, programs, and research in the Heersink School of Medicine.



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ABOUT THE PROCESSION

Commencement begins with an academic procession. Faculty and alumni will form a path through which the class will enter. The Path of Honor is a significant moment in which faculty and alumni recognize the accomplishments of the graduating students.

The students will process in by Learning Community. Learning Communities are small groups to which students are assigned upon entering medical school. Each Learning Community will be led by the faculty mentor and gonfalon (banner) bearing the name of physician for which the community is named. More information about the namesakes for each Learning Community can be found on pages 11-13.

If you are able, please stand for the Procession.

ABOUT THE HOODING

Students are hooded with members of their Learning Community. A list of the students by Learning Community can be found on pages 31-33. After the Learning Communities, the students who completed the Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD) will be hooded. Finally, those students who have completed the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program will be hooded.

ABOUT THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

The ceremony concludes with reading the Oath of Hippocrates.

Hippocrates of Kos (c. 460-370 BC) was a Greek physician known for his contributions to the field of medicine, such as clinical observation, the systematic study of medicine, and categorization of diseases. In Egypt, Imhotep (c. 2650-2600 BC) practiced first as an architect and then as a physician and is recognized for early advances in surgery, pathology of disease, and the insistence of practicing medicine as a science. Taken together, Hippocrates and Imhotep represent the long and evolving history of medicine as a profession with rich global and cultural contributions and accomplishments.

The Oath of Hippocrates (or Hippocratic Oath), has itself been adapted to reflect new understandings about the practice of medicine, and to reflect values more consistent with different periods of time. While there has not been a "standard" oath for decades, many medical schools still incorporate some version of the oath in their commencement ceremonies to show unity of medical students who will soon enter the profession of medicine with the faculty and alumni in attendance

The version of the oath our students, faculty, and alumni will read together at the end of the ceremony can be found on page five of the program.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H., was appointed Acting State Health Officer for the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) in September 2017 and formally designated as Alabama's 12th State Health Officer in February 2018. A graduate of Harding University in Arkansas, Dr. Harris attended medical school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Heersink School of Medicine and served an internal medicine internship and residency at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham before returning to UAB to complete a fellowship in adult infectious diseases. He earned his M.P.H. from the UAB School of Public Health.



In 1996, he began his practice in general infectious diseases and HIV medicine in Decatur, Alabama, and also began service as a tuberculosis consultant with ADPH. In 2004, he helped establish the Decatur-Morgan Community Free Clinic, serving thirteen years as medical director, board member, and board chair. The non-profit clinic offers health care and dental care at no charge to low-income, medically uninsured residents and relies heavily on community volunteers.

A volunteer physician, Dr. Harris has served on many international medical missions to Central America, South America, and Africa. In addition to his board certification in internal medicine and infectious disease, he has additional certificates of qualification in tropical medicine from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and in travel medicine from the International Society of Travel Medicine.

Dr. Harris left private practice to join ADPH in 2015 as Area Health Officer for seven North Alabama counties before assuming his current role as State Health Officer.

OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

I swear by that which I hold most sacred that according to my ability I will keep this, my oath and covenant:

With purity and holiness I will pass my life
and practice my art.

As I labor in the places of healing, my first thoughts will be the life, happiness and health of my patients.

To this end, I will try to treat my fellow physicians in this art as I wish them to treat me.

I will use my power to heal my patients to the best of my judgment.

I will abstain from harming or wronging anyone by it.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life.

Into whatever houses I enter I will go into them for the benefit of my patients.

And whatsoever I shall see or hear in the course of my profession, as well as outside my profession in my interactions with others, if it be what should not be published abroad, I will not divulge, holding such things to be sacred.

For the sake of the sick I will pursue knowledge of this art throughout the days of my life.

With eagerness I will learn from my fellow physicians and with humility I will share my knowledge with them.

In respect for those who have led me into the paths of Medicine, I will lead those who follow me.

Should I transgress these promises, may my soul know no peace, but while I keep this oath inviolate, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, forever honored by all people.

PROGRAM

PROCESSION WITH PATH OF HONOR*

Students, Faculty & Alumni

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Anupam Agarwal, M.D.

Senior Vice President of Medicine Dean, UAB Heersink School of Medicine

James C. Lee, Jr. Endowed Chair

Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics

Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine

CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Charles Dwight Evers, III | President, Class of 2023

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Craig Hoesley, M.D. | Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education

MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

P. Michael Caruso, M.D. | President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association

WILL FERNIANY ACADEMIC MEDICINE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Anupam Agarwal, M.D.

AWARDING OF ACADEMIC HOODS**

Anupam Agarwal, M.D., Presiding

Craig Hoesley, M.D.

Kevin Leon, M.D. | Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

READING OF NAMES

Nicholas Van Wagoner, M.D., Ph.D. | Associate Dean for Students

OATH OF HIPPOCRATES‡

Catherine Ikard, M.D. | 2022 Recipient of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

RECESSION*

Students, Faculty & Alumni

**If you are able, please stand.*

***Students will be hooded by their Learning Community.*

A list of students by Learning Community can be found on pages 31-33 of this program.

‡Physicians in the audience are invited to stand and recite the Oath with the faculty and students. A copy of the oath can be found on page 5.

LEADERSHIP

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEDICINE AND DEAN

Anupam Agarwal, M.D.

Senior Vice President for Medicine
Dean, UAB Heersink School of Medicine
James C. Lee, Jr. Endowed Chair
Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEANS

Etty (Tika) Benveniste, Ph.D. | Senior Vice Dean, Basic Sciences

Victor M. Darley-Usmar, Ph.D. | Research

Mona Fouad, M.D., M.P.H. | Diversity & Inclusion

Craig Hoesley, M.D. | Medical Education

Keith (Tony) Jones, M.D. | Clinical Affairs

Robert P. Kimberly, M.D. | Clinical & Translational Research

Jean Ann Larson, Ph.D. | Leadership Development

Jason Daniel | (Interim) Administration & Finance

David Rogers, M.D., MPHE | Faculty Affairs & Professional Development;
Chief Wellness Officer

ASSOCIATE DEANS

Irfan M. Asif, M.D. | Primary Care and Rural Health

Scott Ballinger, Ph.D. | Faculty Affairs

Raegan Durant, M.D., M.P.H. | Diversity and Inclusion

Richard Friend, M.D. | Tuscaloosa Program

Alice Goepfert, M.D. | Graduate Medical Education

Christina J. Grabowski, Ph.D. | Admissions and Enrollment Management

Caroline Harada, M.D. | Strategic Initiatives, Medical Education

Bruce Korf, M.D., Ph.D. | Genomic Medicine and Chief Genomic Officer

Louis R. Lambiase, M.D. | Montgomery Program

Kevin Leon, M.D. | Undergraduate Medical Education

Roger D. Smalligan, M.D. | Huntsville Program

Alan Tita, M.D., Ph.D. | Global and Women's Health

Nicholas Van Wagoner, M.D., Ph.D. | Students

ASSISTANT DEANS

Alex Boles | Finance & Administration

William S. Brooks, Ph.D. | Preclinical Education

Latesha Elopore, M.D., MSPH | Diversity & Inclusion

Cristin Gavin, Ph.D. | Undergraduate Biomedical Education

William M. Geisler, M.D., M.P.H. | Physician Scientist Development

Alecia K. Gross, Ph.D. | Faculty Onboarding

Brenessa Lindeman, M.D., MEHP, FACS | Graduate Medical Education

Todd Peterson, M.D. | Students

Rubin Pillay, M.D., Ph.D. | Global Health

Marjorie Lee White, M.D. | Clinical Simulation

James H. Willig, M.D., MSPH | Clinical Education

Carlton Young, M.D. | Medical Student Diversity & Inclusion

Majd Zayzafoon, M.D., Ph.D. | International Medical Education

BIRMINGHAM DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

Dan E. Berkowitz, MBBCh | Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine

David M. Bedwell, Ph.D. | Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics

Jay Zhang, M.D., Ph.D. | Biomedical Engineering

Bradley Yoder, Ph.D. | Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology

Boni E. Elewski, M.D. | Dermatology

Marie-Carmelle Elie, M.D. | Emergency Medicine

Irfan M. Asif, M.D. | Family Medicine

Anindya Dutta, M.D., Ph.D. | Genetics

Craig J. Hoesley, M.D. | Medical Education

C. Seth Landefeld, M.D. | Medicine

Carlos J. Orihuela, Ph.D. | (Interim) Microbiology

Craig Powell, M.D., Ph.D. | Neurobiology

David G. Standaert, M.D., Ph.D. | Neurology

James M. Markert, M.D., M.P.H. | Neurosurgery

Warner K. Huh, M.D. | Obstetrics & Gynecology

Brian Samuels, M.D., Ph.D. | (Interim) Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Steven Theiss, M.D. | Orthopaedic Surgery

Bradford A. Woodworth, M.D. | (Interim) Otolaryngology

George Netto, M.D. | Pathology

Mitchell B. Cohen, M.D. | Pediatrics

Teresa Wilborn, Pharm.D., Ph.D. | (Interim) Pharmacology & Toxicology

Vu Nguyen, M.D., MBA | Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Adrienne Lahti, M.D. | Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, M.D. | Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, M.D. | Radiology
Herbert Chen, M.D. | Surgery
Soroush Rais-Bahrami, M.D., MBA | (Interim) Urology

HUNTSVILLE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

Shivani Malhotra, M.D. | Family Medicine
John Fanning, M.D. | Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, M.D. | Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, M.D. | Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, M.D. | Surgery

TUSCALOOSA DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

Jane Weida, M.D. | Family Medicine, Internal, and Rural Medicine
John McDonald, M.D. | Obstetrics & Gynecology
Karen Burgess, M.D. | Pediatrics
Thaddeus Ulzen, M.D. | Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine
Joseph Wallace, M.D. | Surgery

REGIONAL CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

Lanita S. Carter, Ph.D. | Director, Medical Education and Student Services,
Huntsville Campus
Britney Sellers, M.P.H. | Director, Medical Education and Student
Services, Montgomery Campus
Dale Dickinson, Ph.D. | Director of Medical Student Affairs,
Tuscaloosa Campus

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

2023 CLASS OFFICERS

Charles Dwight Evers, III, Class President
Jake Vincent Piccici, Vice President
Ankit Bansal, Treasurer

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

LEARNING COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Natalie Hope Voss Garcia, Barfield-Carter

Madison Jade Bruce, Finley

Bradford David Lepik, II, Finley

Emily Brooke Matney, Hamilton

Anthony Louis Wilson, Hamilton

Adam Bonner, Harrison

Aubriana Sheree Smith, Harrison

Jacob Alexander Garcia, Hill

Garrett Barnes Massey, Hill

Chelsey Racheal Deloney, Hirschowitz

Daniel Johnston, Hirschowitz

Isabella Aldana, Kirklin

Siddharth Srikakolapu, Kirklin

Ashlyn Rhea Clark, Lyons

Madeline Rebecca Farmer, Lyons

Timothy Daniel McWilliams, McCallum

Casey William Pierce, McCallum

Joseph Gartrell Willis, Oparil

Jonathan Edward Dismukes, Pittman

BARFIELD-CARTER COMMUNITY

In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the Heersink School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

FINLEY COMMUNITY

Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys guided the medical genetics research, training, and service program at UAB for 35 years, providing genetics services and developing specialized diagnostic laboratories for detectable genetic disorders.

Students in the Finley Community are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

HAMILTON COMMUNITY

Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the “Dog Bite Doctor” and the “Battle Surgeon” for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

HARRISON COMMUNITY

Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the Heersink School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

HILL COMMUNITY

Longtime Heersink School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson “Dick” Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university’s first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

HIRSCHOWITZ COMMUNITY

Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

KIRKLIN COMMUNITY

In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world’s first series of open-heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

LYONS COMMUNITY

Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

MCCALLUM COMMUNITY

Charles “Scotty” McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

OPARIL COMMUNITY

Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

PITTMAN COMMUNITY

As the Heersink School of Medicine’s longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

AWARDS



School Awards

HUGH J. DEMPSEY MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to the student with the highest overall cumulative academic achievement. Winner will be announced during the ceremony.

LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. In recognition of the value of humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families. Recipients will be announced during ceremony.

Birmingham Campus Departmental Awards

Awards are listed in alphabetical order by presenting department

DEAN'S AWARD

Superior performance in the clinical curriculum
Siddharth Srikakolapu

MCGAHEY AWARD FOR MOST OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT

Excellence in Anesthesiology
Brittany Marshay Hatter

EMILY F. OMURA AWARD

Excellence In Dermatology
Sydney Alexis Collette

WILFRED F. HOLDERFER MEMORIAL AWARD

Excellence in Emergency Medicine
Altamish Faiaz Daredia

ENDOCRINE SOCIETY MEDICAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Exceptional ability and Interest in Endocrinology
William Jacob Freeman

G. GAYLE STEPHENS AWARD

Excellence in Family Medicine

Elizabeth May Trushaw

TINSLEY R. HARRISON AWARD

Excellence in Internal Medicine

Sarah Catherine Huffman

VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICE AWARD

Excellence in Medicine

Ryan Wai Yan Wong

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY AWARD

Excellence in Neurology

Kasey Marie Cooper

SAMUEL CLEMENTS LITTLE AWARD

Excellence in Neurology

Timothy Daniel McWilliams

WILLIAM BOYD MEDAL

Presented by the Alabama Association of Pathologists
and the Department of Pathology

Exceptional Performance in Pathology

Karan Goel

PAUL A. PALMISANO AWARD

Excellence in Pediatrics

Jake Vincent Picicci

CHI-TSOU HUANG AWARD

Excellence in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Casey William Pierce

BATTLE S. SEARCY MEMORIAL AWARD

Excellence in Psychiatry

Itamar Shapira

BRUCE A. HARRIS, JR. AWARD

Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Abigayle Kraus

LANNING B. KLINE AWARD

Excellence in Ophthalmology

Mark Roberts Johnson

ROBERT J. STANLEY AWARD

Excellence in Radiology

Joseph Gartrell Willis

ROBERT J. CERFOLIO AWARD

Excellence in Surgery

Garrett Barnes Massey

MARY T. HAWN AWARD

Excellence in Surgery

Katie Elizabeth Glasgow

RICHARD STAHL AWARD

Excellence in Surgery

Kai He

ELIZABETH BEIERLE AWARD

Excellence in Surgery

Anh Minh Duong

ROBERT AND JAMIE DABAL AWARD

Excellence in Surgery

Thomas Kurt Delay, Jr.

Huntsville Campus Departmental Awards

DEAN'S AWARD

Superior performance in the clinical curriculum

Sebastian Schormann

EXEMPLARY ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Excellence in the clinical curriculum

Anthony Louis Wilson

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Academic excellence and leadership ability

Emily Brooke Matney

G. GAYLE STEPHENS AWARD

Excellence in Family Medicine

Jayci Victoria Marie Hamrick

J. ELLIS SPARKS AWARD

Excellence in Internal Medicine

Sebastian Schormann

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEUROLOGY

Excellence in Neurology

Matthew Houston Bonds

JOHN DI PLACIDO AWARD

Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Carly Westmoreland Bethune

JOHN R. MONTGOMERY AWARD

Excellence in Pediatrics

Jake Vincent Picicci

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PSYCHIATRY

Excellence in Psychiatry

Mack Bozman

CHARLES SELAH AWARD

Excellence in Surgery

Sudarsan Murali

Montgomery Campus Departmental Awards

DEAN'S AWARD

Superior performance in the clinical curriculum

Madeline Rebecca Farmer

SAMUEL J. SALIBA AWARD

Excellence in Family Medicine

Minh Gia Chung

J. J. KIRSCHENFELD AWARD

Excellence in Internal Medicine

Jocelyn York

HAMP H. GREENE III AWARD

Excellence in Neurology

Jocelyn York

JOHN M. ASHURST, JR. AWARD

Excellence in Obstetrics & Gynecology

Madeline Rebecca Farmer

THOMAS "BUDDY" NOLAN AWARD

Excellence in Pediatrics

Madeline Rebecca Farmer

A. ALMON WARD AWARD

Excellence in Psychiatry

Jack Williams Harmon

HARRY JACKSON TILL AWARD

Excellence in Surgery

Gagandip Singh

Tuscaloosa Campus Departmental Awards

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Superior performance in the clinical curriculum

Elizabeth Ashby Gill

WILLIAM R. WILLARD AWARD

Outstanding contribution to the goals and mission of the College of Community Health Sciences as voted by the College faculty; established by the Bank of Moundville

Alesha Christine Amerson

ROBERT F. GLOOR AWARD IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Excellence in Community and Rural Medicine

Paris Long Cooke

JAMES H. AKERS MEMORIAL AWARD

Dedication to the art and science of medicine

Alexandria Gates Rasco

WILLIAM OWINGS AWARD IN FAMILY MEDICINE

Excellence in Family Medicine

Alesha Christine Amerson

WILLIAM WINTERNITZ AWARD IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

Excellence in Internal Medicine during the third and fourth years

Charles Dwight Evers, III

NEUROLOGY AWARD

Excellence in the Neurology clerkship

Margaret Bell McCalley

**FINNEY/AKERS MEMORIAL AWARD IN OBSTETRICS
AND GYNECOLOGY**

Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Elizabeth Ashby Gill

PEDIATRICS RECOGNITION AWARD

Outstanding interest, ability, and the reflection of pleasure in helping
parents

and their children reach their full personal, social, and educational potential

Allison Camille Stephens

PETER BRYCE AWARD IN PSYCHIATRY

Excellence in the Psychiatry clerkship

Andrew David Brown

WILLIAM R. SHAMBLIN SURGERY AWARD

Superior achievement in the Surgery clerkship

Charles Dwight Evers, III

Harden Mccord Mezick

STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

In recognition of the pursuit of research projects leading
to a presentation or publication

Andrew David Brown

INTERPROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Emily Sutton Brown

**MARNIX E. HEERSINK
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
CLASS OF 2023**



Tawakalitou Alabi

University of Minnesota Medical Center,
Internal Medicine

Isabella Aldana ^T

Brookwood Baptist Health, Transitional
UAB Medical Center, Dermatology

Anas Aljabi

Virginia Commonwealth University Health
System, Internal Medicine

John Miller Allan

Emory University School of Medicine,
Vascular Surgery/Research

Alesha Christine Amerson

University of Alabama College of
Community Health Sciences, Family
Medicine

Caroline Nicole Amerson

HCA Healthcare/TriStar Nashville,
Transitional
University of Central Florida College of
Medicine/ Graduate Medical Education
Consortium, Physical Medicine &
Rehabilitation

Shadi Khalil Awad

University of Texas Southwestern
Medical Center, Preliminary Surgery

Kendall Marie Baecher ^G

Baylor University Medical Center,
Obstetrics/ Gynecology

Ankit Bansal ^{CE, G}

UAB Medical Center, Obstetrics/Gynecology

Fernando Baquerizo

HCA Healthcare/University of South Florida
Morsani Coll of Med Regional Medical Ctr
Bayonet Point, Preliminary Surgery

Danyon Atsushi Beitel

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center,
Anesthesiology

Fabian Napoleon Berru

UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
- Huntsville, Family Medicine

Carly Westmoreland Bethune

University of Tennessee College
of Medicine Chattanooga,
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Magdalene Peace Blevins

Duke University Medical Center,
Preliminary Medicine
Duke University Medical Center, Neurology

Vincent Gregory Bolus

Medical University of South Carolina,
Internal Medicine

Matthew Houston Bonds

Medical University of South Carolina,
Neurology

Adam Bonner

University of Tennessee College
of Medicine Chattanooga,
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Sushma Boppana ^{CE, G, †, *}

University of California Los Angeles
Medical Center, Pediatrics

*Cd8 T-Cell Responses To A Diverse Virus:
Adaptation And Cross-Reactivity In Hiv
Vaccination*

Benjamin Carl Borg ^{A, S, T}

University of Colorado School
of Medicine, Surgery

Hunter Slaton Boudreau ^A

UAB Medical Center,
Neurological Surgery

Mack Bozman ^{CE}

UAB Medical Center, Psychiatry

Joel Andrew Brenny

Medical University of South Carolina,
Anesthesiology

Christopher Chase Britt

University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences, Family Medicine

Andrew David Brown

UAB Medical Center, Psychiatry

Emily Sutton Brown

University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences, Family Medicine

Madison Jade Bruce

University of South Alabama Hospitals, Surgery

Joshua Wayne Bush

UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine - Huntsville, Family Medicine

Andres Francisco Camino ^{CE, G}

Duke University Medical Center, Internal Medicine

Andrew John Canto

Baylor College of Medicine, Psychiatry

Caleb Michael Carroll

Brookwood Baptist Health, Diagnostic Radiology

Andrew Cash ^{CE, G}

UAB Medical Center, Internal Medicine

Kelly M. Chandler ^{A, C, G}

UAB Medical Center, Orthopaedic Surgery

Angela Yin Chieh

Piedmont Macon Medical Center, Transitional
University of California Irvine Medical Center, Diagnostic Radiology

Jeremy Blade Chu

Saint Joseph Hospital, Family Medicine

Minh Gia Chung ^A

Brookwood Baptist Health, Transitional
Metrohealth Medical Center, Dermatology

Ashlynn Rhea Clark ^G

Brookwood Baptist Health, Preliminary Medicine
University of Utah Health, Radiation Oncology

Graham Dean Cochrane ^{‡, *}

University of North Carolina Hospitals, Otolaryngology
Central Vestibular Integration In Concussion And Multiple Sclerosis

Sydney Alexis Collette ^A

Emory University School of Medicine, Transitional
Emory University School of Medicine, Dermatology

Brent Scott Collier

UAB Medical Center, Psychiatry

Carolee Grace Ruth Collier

UAB Medical Center, Neurology

Tyler Reid Compher

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Urology

Paris Long Cooke ^{CE}

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