CCHS Medical Grads Recognized at Honors Convocation 2000

Twenty-three senior medical students were recognized on May 19, 2000, at the Annual CCHS Honors Convocations for graduates of the UA School of Medicine who complete their clinical training on the Tuscaloosa campus of UASOM. Don E. Williamson, MD, State Health Officer for Alabama, was the dinner speaker for the event held at the Four Points Hotel in Tuscaloosa. Awards were given by each department to their top students, and the graduates themselves gave teaching awards to Drs. Mike Robards, Ashley Evans, and Brad Gaspard. John Waits was honored by his classmates with the James H. Akers Memorial Award. This award is presented annually to the Tuscaloosa Senior who best personifies both the art and the science of the practice of medicine as chosen by the graduating senior class. Dr. Waits also received the William R. Willard Award (Dean’s Award). This singular recognition is awarded annually to a senior medical student for outstanding contributions to the goals and missions of the College of Community Health Sciences.

Scott Fulgham, carried the Scholastic Achievement Award. This award is presented to the senior with highest academic performance in the clinical years.

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Bank of Moundville Endows Willard Awards in Memory of Founding Dean

The Bank of Moundville has endowed the Willard Awards at CCHS. Howell Poole, President and CEO of the Bank, and his father, Victor Poole, a long time supporter of the College of Community Health Sciences, recently presented the gift to CCHS in honor of founding Dean William R. Willard, MD. Dr. Willard, who also founded the University of Kentucky medical school, is known as “the Father of Family Medicine.”

CCHS is fulfilling Dean Willard’s vision and achieving its mission—to train medical students and family practice residents with an emphasis on rural health needs and primary care. One in eight Alabama family physicians graduated from the CCHS Residency. Fifty-one percent of the graduates of the CCHS Family Practice Residency practice in Alabama, half in towns of 25,000 or less.

Victor Poole helped recruit Dr. Willard to West Alabama in 1972 to start the medical school. Dr. Willard bought a home near Mr. Poole in Hale County and retired there to raise catfish.

John Bryan Waits, MD, (left) is congratulated by Senior Class President Melissa Wysong, MD, after she presented him the James Akers Award on behalf of their graduating class. Dr. Waits also received the Willard Award, Surgery Award, and a Student Research award at Honors Convocation.

For High School, College, Medical Students

Rural Scholar "Pipeline" Working at CCHS

Two programs to identify and nurture outstanding students from rural areas who are considering health or medical careers in rural areas are in place at CCHS. High school students from rural schools came to campus in June for the eighth session of the Rural Health Scholars Program. Another group of rural students, the fifth class of Rural Medical Scholars, were interviewed and selected in June.

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REFLECTIONS
by William Curry, MD, Dean

Remembering Bill Willard

Every July, our class of entering junior medical students in Tuscaloosa gathers to be introduced to the world of clinical medicine. The room where we present them is the Willard Auditorium. Every May, the dean’s award to the outstanding graduating medical school senior is the William Willard Award. Every June, our faculty recognizes an outstanding family practice intern with another Willard Award. A committee of distinguished CCHS faculty have begun the work of writing a history of CCHS, and Willard years will figure prominently in their work. So who was Bill Willard?

For starters, he was the first Dean of CCHS (1972-79). Prior to that, he was the founding dean of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine (1956-66) and of a restructured Upstate Medical Center of the State University of New York at Syracuse (1961-56). Surely he was the only person to have founded three such schools, at least in modern times. While at Kentucky, he headed a committee of the AMA to review the past and future of family medicine. The result was the 1966 Willard Report, which led to a resurgence of the specialty and the establishment of family practice residency programs across the U.S., including the one here.

 Appropriately, Dr. Willard is known as the “father” of modern family medicine in this country.

As impressive as his list of accomplishments is, there is more about Bill Willard, and it is what really matters about him and about us. What I mean is his spirit, the values and beliefs that directed his leadership in medical teaching and practice. Bill Willard acknowledged that the astounding technology of modern medicine is important, but he argued that we must not chase the technology to the neglect of simpler, equally effective methods.

What follows from that principle is a philosophy of medical education that transcends the dispensing of information and deployment of buildings and equipment. Willard was a pioneer in the field of community medicine and in the use of behavioral research and education to produce physicians who are more than technicians. In Willard’s world, the job of the physician extended from the patient straight through to the family and the community.

But there is more. Willard’s view was that collectively, academic medicine and the medical profession have responsibilities to the community, state, and nation that take us far beyond the doors of the Willard Auditorium, the clinical office, or the research building.

For a college that takes seriously its rural and primary care mission, that gives us a lot of work to do. In parts of rural Alabama, deaths from nutritional deficiency are 53% higher, from heart disease 39% higher, from stroke 28% higher, and from auto accidents 72% higher than in urban Alabama. While infant mortality rates are the lowest in our state’s history, In Alabama has the highest infant mortality rate in the country, Dr. Curry, who coaxed him out of retirement, said “he has earned the respect of his colleagues as clinician and as an administrator.” Dr. Curry added that Dr. Standeffer brings a strong commitment to the health of mothers and babies, and his energy and experience will contribute to the training of the next generation of physicians (CCHS medical students and family practice residents learning the practice of OB/GYN). Since Alabama has the highest infant mortality rate in the country, Dr. Curry considers training physicians at CCHS to address this need is a priority. CCHS alumni are already making a difference in OB/GYN services for a number of Alabama counties and an impact on the infant mortality rate.

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Dr. William Willard, MD

CCHS Founding Dean William Willard, MD

First year resident Jennifer Bethel, MD, received the William R. Willard Family Practice Award in June, 2000, from Residency Director Sam Gaskins, MD. She also received the 1999 Willard Award to a senior medical student.

Faculty Notes
Seed faculty news items to Linda Jackson, Editor
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Promotions
The Dean’s Office has announced promotions for Drs. Adcock (Family Medicine), Gresham (Internal Medicine), and Willard, MD, Department of Rural Medicine and Internal Medicine effective August 15, 2000.

Nancy Rubin, Psy.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Neurology, is on sabatical this summer attending intensive Yoga Teacher Training. “I intend to bring back this training to benefit staff, faculty, medical students, residents and patients,” she said. She hopes to offer stress reduction yoga classes for the receptionists and nurses, to offer the yoga experience to interested CCHS members, and to do research with medical and psychiatric patients on how a practice of yoga can impact their physical and emotional health. Dr. Rubin plans to explore and train in other complimentary medicine techniques next year.

The Health Research Consulting Service (HRCS), under the direction of John C. Higginbotham, PhD, MPH, has already had a busy year, having submitted seven grant proposals and two additional letters of intent since January 1. Faculty members Michael Taylor, MD, and Ashley Evans, MD, are collaborators in the proposed projects submitted. In conjunction with the Department of Public Health, HRCS is conducting a study of childhood immunization rates in Tuscaloosa County. HRCS is working with Elizabeth Rand, MD, on her study of collaboration among mental health care providers; with Bobbi Adcock, MD, on her study of rural STD services; and with John Wheat, MD, MPH, on the evaluation of the Rural Medical Scholars Program. In addition to these projects, Dr. Higginbotham’s Department of Defense study of prostate cancer rates in Alabama and Mississippi and his work with UAB’s Deep South Network for Cancer Control project are ongoing. Even with all this activity, says Dr. Higginbotham, the HRCS is still available to assist faculty, students and communities in project development, conduct and evaluation.

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Dr. William Standeffer, a well-known physician from Tuscaloosa, has agreed to become interim chair of the CCHS Dept. of OB/GYN. Dr. Standeffer has 25 years of practice experience in Tuscaloosa and 12 years as Medical Director of DCH Regional Medical Center.

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Eleven Rural Medical Scholars Chosen

The fifth class of Rural Medical Scholars will enter UA in August to begin a year of specialized study in rural health and community medicine in preparation for entry into medical school the following year. The eleven new Rural Medical Scholars were notified of their selection on June 22 following interviews with the RHSP Admissions Committee. The committee is made up of rural physicians and other community health practitioners and medical faculty from the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa campuses of the UA School of Medicine.

Statistics show that graduates who grew up in rural areas are more likely to live and practice in rural communities during their medical careers. To encourage more rural students to consider medical and health careers, the Rural Alabama Health Alliance, Alabama WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics), small community hospitals, and other organizations interested in rural health services supported efforts of Dr. John Wheat at the UA College of Community Health Sciences and the UA School of Medicine to establish the Rural Medical Scholars Program in 1996. The Rural Health Scholars Program for high school students, founded in 1993, seeks qualified (high school) students, and the RHSP was set up to provide early admission to medical school, preparation for rural practice, and a rural track for medical training, as well as a peer support network for rural medical students that will continue after they go into practice.

2000-2001 Rural Medical Scholars

Mandi Allen, Jackson County, graduate of Pisgah High School and Jacksonville State University. Honors include Who's Who Among College Students and Miss Jackson County Agriculture. She is a member of the Cherokee Indian Tribe.

Emily Barnes, Monroe County, a 1995 Rural Health Scholar from Exed High School, graduated magna cum laude from UA in 1999. She is a member of the Cherokee Indian Tribe.

Ty Blackwell, a graduate of Walker County High School and UA. Who's Who in Junior Colleges, president of Circle K, Golden Key Honor Society.

Deb Brown, Jefferson County, graduate of Jemison High School and UA. Who's Who Among College Students and Honors Student at UA.

Heather Childers, Lauderdale County, graduate of Bracktown High School and UA. Who's Who Among College Students and Miss Jacksonville State University. She is a member of the Cherokee Indian Tribe.

Kelli Harris, Etowah County, graduate of Roswell High School and Auburn University at Montgomery. She was president of Omicron Delta Kappa, Panhellenic, and Sigma Delta Kappa Honor Societies.

Jon Roden, Marshall County, graduate of Albertville High School. A senior math major, he received a Computer-Based Honors Fellowship to assist with RHSP statistical analysis.

Candi Terry, Lawrence County, graduated from Hatton High School and Jacksonville State University. She played varsity volleyball and was a Scholar Athlete of the Year at JU.

Rural Students Attend Eighth RHSP

Thirty of next year's most outstanding incoming high school seniors from rural high schools recently completed the eighth annual Rural Health Scholars Program (RHSP) at UA's College of Community Health Sciences (CCHS). The Scholars came from twenty different rural counties and were selected based on academic achievement and their interest in the medical field. RHSP 2000, which started June 4 with an orientation for students and their families, introduced students to campus life and college classes. John Wheat, MD, who worked with a number of supporters to found the program in 1993, and RHSP Director Cynthia Moore said the program was begun to help rural students discover what college life has to offer and learn more about health and medical careers in rural areas. Since 1993, 227 rural Alabama students have attended RHSP. Scholars took college English and Chemistry courses over the five week session. Students earning a C or better receive college credit for the classes. If they score lower, no grade is recorded. The Scholars rode field trips to rural health facilities and added to the training of practicing rural health professionals. They also visited the medical school in Mobile.
1999 Incoming Residents

Drew Anthony - Drew was born in Kosciusko, MS, and received his MD from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He and his wife Kelli have relocated to Tuscaloosa. He feels that being a family medicine doctor would make him a better person by allowing him to learn from his patient's experiences.

Anthony Buckles - Anthony is a native of Natchez, Mississippi. He completed his MD at the University of Alabama - Huntsville. He enjoys playing the piano/organ, teaching music, volunteering at the local homeless mission, and spending time with the youth in his church (youth minister).

Jennifer Burdette - Jennifer was one of our medical students. She and her husband Steve have a son, Andrew. She feels that Family Practice presents the best opportunity to help a broad range of patients and families in health, illness and death in the most positive way throughout a lifetime.

Breck Campbell - Breck received his D.O. from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Miami. He worked as a police officer for ten years for the City of Birmingham. He enjoys fishing, motorcycle riding, reading and home repair.

Aleksandra Frye - Aleksandra, a former CCHS medical student, was born in Uzice, Yugoslavia, and came to the U.S. in 1990 as an exchange student. She and her husband, Heath, live in Tuscaloosa. Aleksandra's parents and brother currently live in South Africa.

Kevin Katona - Kevin is an Alabama native. He received his MD from the University of South Alabama Mobile. He was interested in Family Medicine even before beginning medical school. He has participated in a number of writing contests, receiving awards on essays and poetry at local, state and national levels. He also enjoys all sports.

Shane Phillips - Shane is from Louisiana and received his MD from LSU School of Medicine. He was a medical volunteer at Tulane Sports Medicine Clinic and served as counselor at Camp Quality of North Louisiana. His other interests include snowsking, water skiing, jogging, fishing, tennis, basketball, softball, rollerblading and mountain bike riding.

Maria Cooper - Maria received her MD degree in 1999 from Ross University in the Caribbean. She has done volunteer work in a cytology lab at Moffitt Cancer Research Institute in Tampa, Florida. She also worked at Providence Hospital in Rhode Island.

Drew Davis - Drew is a native of Alabama and received his MD from the University of Alabama School of Medicine at Birmingham. He worked at the Betty Ford Center in Palm Springs, California, as well as in Pittsburgh, PA, where he was awarded a Scaife Fellowship. He is in a one-year transitional position.

Salih Faldon - Salih is a native of Central America in 1999. Salih is a former medical student and received his MD in June. He is the co-founder of A.C.E. (Alliance for Community Excellence) and enjoys being an elementary Arabic instructor. The absolute love of patient care is what drew Salih to Family Medicine.

2000 Incoming Residents

Erick Andreu - Erick was born in Cuba and received his MD from Higher Institute of Medical Sciences of Villa Clara in 1989. He lived in Canada for a year where he perfected his English. Family Practice has been his favorite specialty since he was a medical student.

Rodrigo Argenal - Rodrigo is a native of San Jose, Costa Rica. He received his MD from the Autonomous School of Medical Sciences of Central America in 1999. Rodrigo's wife is Giselle. He enjoys family life, poetry writing, motorcycle riding, photography and computers.

Dale Christensen - Dale is a Mississippi native and earned his MD from the University of MS - Jackson. Dale and his wife, Tana, have two children. Being an avid Alabama sports fan, he is interested in sports medicine. He also enjoys working out, fishing, spending time with his wife, and playing with his kids.

Calin Pernes - Calin and his wife, Doina-Maria, come from Romania. Over the last five years, he has practiced as an OB-GYN specialist at a University Gynecological Hospital in Tg-Mures, Romania. Calin has spent the past nine months working as a research assistant in the Department of Pathology at Emory University.

Jonathan Polhemus - Jonathan was born in New Jersey and attended the College of William and Mary in Virginia where he played football. His MD is from St. George's University. He enjoys reading, sports, diving, fishing and travel.

Ed Shackelford - Ed was one of our medical students and graduated from UASOM in June. He and his wife, Jodie, look forward to remaining here in Tuscaloosa. Ed is ultimately interested in being affiliated with a medical school and primary care residency program and involved with research.

Cathy Skinner - Cathy is a graduate of UA and completed her MD from UASOM at CCHS in June. She is now finishing her term as Family Medicine Interest Group President. She and her husband, Shannon, have one daughter.

Cathy Sundquist - Philip grew up in rural Utah and has always maintained a desire to return to a rural town to practice medicine. He received his MD from Ross University in June. Philip, his wife Joann, and their children look forward to residing in Tuscaloosa.

Bereaval Webb - Bereaval earned her MD from the University of TN-Memphis in September. She has had an interest in family medicine since childhood. After completing her residency, she plans to seek further training in nutrition and phytomedicine.
Honors Convocation
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Carol Johnson Mitchell, MD, was named Community and Rural Medicine Preceptor of the Year; and faculty recognition awards were made.

Ashley Evans, MD, received the Faculty Recognition Award (Junior Year), given annually by the Senior Class for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Medical Education during the Junior Year.

Mike Robards, MD, received the Patrick McCue Award, "given by the Senior Class for outstanding contributions to undergraduate medical education in the Senior Year."

Brad Gaspard, MD, received the Research Award, given by the Senior Class for excellence in teaching. It was presented by Melissa Wysong, senior class president.

Dr. John C. Higginbotham, Department of Community and Rural Medicine, presented the Research Award to Edward Shackelford and John Waits.

The Larry Mayes Memorial Award, given to a rising junior student for assistance in work in an underserved area of this country or any country, was presented by Dr. Cathy Gresham to Clint Daniel Kingsley, a Huntsville-based medical student.

State Health Officer Dr. Don Williamson speaks to grads. Recognition Award, given by the Senior Class for excellence in teaching. It was presented by Melissa Wysong, senior class president.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

Family Medicine  Edward Shackelford
William W. Winternitz Award  Scott Fulgham
in Internal Medicine
Pediatrics  Paula Belew
Peter Bryce Award  Theodore Henry Mueller, III
in Psychiatry
Robert F. Gloor Award  Edward Shackelford
in Community Medicine
Surgery  John Waits and Donald Yarbrough
Finney-Akers Memorial Obstetrics-Gynecology

Surgery Awards were presented by Tuscaloosa surgeon and clinical assistant professor Dr. John O. Waits, (center) to his son, John B. Waits, MD, (left) and Donald Yarbrough, MD.

Moncenya Chatman, MD, (right) received the Finney-Akers Memorial Award for Obstetrics and Gynecology from Dr. Karl Hasik.

Internal Medicine faculty member Mike Robards, MD, was chosen by the senior class to receive the Patrick McCue Award for teaching. Stephanie Freeman, MD, made the presentation on behalf of the class.

Dr. Winternitz with Internal Medicine Award winner Scott Fulgham, MD. Above: Edward Shackelford, MD, (left) receives Family Medicine Award from Dr. Sam Gaskins. Dr. Shackelford also won a Research Award.

Paula Belew, MD, (left) and Ashley Evans, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, both received plaques at Honors Convocation. Dr. Belew, who won the Pediatrics Award, here presents a Faculty Recognition Award to Dr. Evans, who was cited for excellent teaching during the junior year.

Chip Mueller, MD, (left) receives Psychiatry Award from Dr. Roger Lacy.
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Annual Fund for the College of Community Health Sciences
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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. Contributions from alumni and friends to the Lister Hill Society fund cash awards to recognize outstanding medical students and residents, special projects to enhance medical education curriculum or facilities, student travel to professional meetings, alumni publications, research, and library information.

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Denny Society Established

The University of Alabama recently established a prestigious society to recognize friends and supporters of the University who have included The University of Alabama in their future charitable plans through estates. Named for the University’s fourteenth president, Dr. George Hutchison Denny, and his family, The Denny Society recognizes the importance of deferred gifts in ensuring the future of this institution. "Prosperity is directly related to education," Denny told the trustees in 1932. "Education is one thing on which no people has ever spent too much, and the more they spend the richer they become."

The Denny Society recognizes 354 persons as charter members and luncheon. The Society is actively extending membership to donors who qualify and accept the invitation. Membership in The Denny Society is open to all who have included The University of Alabama in their future charitable plans through estates. There is no minimum amount required to be included as a member, and you may designate your gift to the College of Community Health Sciences generally or for specific areas or programs of the College.

For more information, contact Vicki Johnson, (205) 348-0093, (v.johnson@cchs.ua.edu) or the University’s Office of Advancement at (205) 348-4767.

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Alum Returns to CCHS

Richard Jones Joins Internal Medicine Faculty

Richard E. Jones, III, MD, PhD, is new to the CCHS faculty, but not to CCHS. In fact, The last time he was here he won the William R. Willard Award, signifying that the faculty considered him to be the 1994 graduating medical student who best embodied the mission and goals of the College of Community Health Sciences. Dr. Jones also received the Family Medicine clerkship award that year and, for a variety of research projects with Dr. Pieroni, earned the 1994 Medical Student Research Award.

Dr. Jones graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery in 1981 and did graduate work at UA, where he met his future wife, Sherry. Dr. Jones went to the University of South Alabama College of Medicine to earn his PhD in Immunology and became interested in how immune reactions against oneself (autoimmunity) results in a variety of illness. He also had an interest in how these diseases could be important clinically in addition to his academic study, so he started medical school at USA. He completed two years in Mobile, and then—with the help of Dr. Paul Teitzel—transferred to CCHS for clinical training. He and Sherry, who was assistant director of the UA Office of Admissions, married in 1991 and he finished medical school in Tuscaloosa. His continuing interest in rheumatology led him to choose an internal medicine residency instead of family medicine in Tuscaloosa. While he was making plans for his residency, he learned that Dr. Robert Kreiberg, whom he had known from his days in Mobile, was the new program director for the internal medicine residency at Baptist Medical Centers in Birmingham, and he decided to apply there. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine, winning the Richard Bright “Kidney” Award for performance in nephrology in 1997. He became a Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine, in 1997 and served as Chief Medicine Resident at Baptist in 1997-98. Dr. Jones took a two-year Fellowship in Rheumatology at UAB in 1998. His research mentor was Dr. Larry W. Moreland, an international expert in rheumatoid arthritis. Another influential person for him during this time was Dr. Dennis Boulware, Professor in the Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology.

Dr. Jones has a number of publications and has worked as investigator on clinical trials with Amgen, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Hoechst Marion Roussel, ImmuneX, Knoll Pharmaceuticals, Ortho-McNeil, Roche, and Wyeth Ayerst. He and Sherry live in Tuscaloosa with their three-year-old son and 18-month-old daughter.

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