## **Beginnings** Introducing the Class of 2020

Each August, the School of Medicine welcomes its incoming class with the White Coat Ceremony. The ceremony marks the end of medical school orientation and the students' first class, "Patient, Doctor and Society," which emphasizes professionalism, compassion, responsibility, ethics, and the doctor/patient relationship. In addition to receiving their white coats, which are provided by the school's Medical Alumni Association, the day marks a major milestone on the path to becoming a physician. Being accepted to medical school and participating in the White Coat Ceremony is a remarkable achievement; the School of Medicine is privileged to walk with these students on the journey of knowledge and self-discovery that they are just beginning.



3,845 applications 479 interviews

53 undergraduate institutions represented 52 undergraduate degrees of study





students

UAB was always seen as the place to go for medical care, and it was the place I wanted to be to study medicine. It's a great school with a great reputation, and I'm proud to have UAB as our state institution.

- RICKY SEEBER, MS1 MONTGOMERY, AL



8 M.D./Ph.D. 6 M.D./M.P.H. 7 M.D./M.B.A.

6 Early Medical School Acceptance Program

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Early Decision

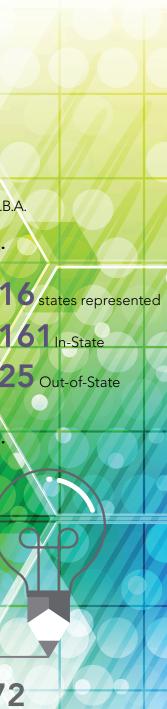
30.2/506.9\* Average MCAT

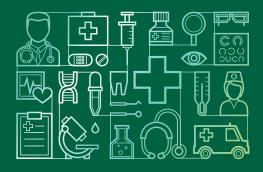
3.72 Average Undergraduate GPA

20-40 Age Range

17 Underrepresented in Medicine

\* 2016 applicants could provide scores for the previous MCAT version or the version implemented in 2015. From the Class of 2020, 100 students submitted scores for the previous MCAT version for an average (mean) score of 30.2, and 86 students submitted MCAT 2015 scores for an average (mean) score of 506.9.





## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Each year's incoming class composes a mission statement during orientation, which is recited at the conclusion of the White Coat Ceremony. Here is the mission statement of the Class of 2020.

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.