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BURKHART HONORED FOR HIS SERVICE

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SANDESTIN, FL: During the 30th National Symposium for Healthcare Executives meeting, James R. Burkhart (Class 13) was selected as the Outstanding Alumni for 2010 due to his commitment to improving the delivery of health care services through his leadership and dedication to working with physicians, employees, patients, and the community. Jim serves as an excellent role model for current students and graduates of the MSHA Program.

Jim has given back to the health care industry in many ways but most notably through his mentoring of young health care executives serving as a preceptor to at least 15 administrative residents. He provides the big picture to the students but lets them figure out how to complete the task - always encouraging and guiding. His tenacity, ability to stay "on target" and his high achievement orientation are a few of his most notable characteristics. During his tenure as the President of the Alumni Association of the Graduate Programs in Health Administration (GPHA), Jim facilitated high-energy and action oriented meetings. His energy ignites others to raise their level of participation. In addition, he served on the University Alumni Council when the four independent alumni associations joined with UAB's National

Alumni Society. He faithfully attended these meetings in Birmingham from Jacksonville, Florida. This is another indication of his commitment to the program and university. Jim is a lifelong learner and is part of the first cohort who entered the Department's Executive Doctoral program in 2009.

The MSHA Program and Department of Health Services Administration are fortunate to have Jim's continued support throughout the years. He has attended 24 of the annual National Symposiums for Healthcare Executives and most recently has solidly supported the MSHA Classic Golf Tournament. Each year, he has sponsored a team and/or beverage cart at the tournament. Jim has requested to be paired with graduate students who would not be able to play otherwise. He even won the tournament one year, which hints at his keen spirit of competition. He relates well to all stakeholders (physicians, employees, community, etc). He is able to communicate his vision in a variety of ways depending on the audience.

Beyond his role as a healthcare executive, Jim has been able to find a balance between work and



Jim Burkhart and Kerry Gillihan

family. He is always there for his wife, kids and now grandchildren. In addition, Mr. Burkhart served in the military for 35 years and retired in June 2007. He held the position of colonel and commander of a medical group for the Tennessee Air National Guard at the time of his retirement. He currently serves on the board of Community Hospice and Dreams Come True and is a member of the North Florida Deans Council. We appreciate Jim's leadership to the field of health administration!

Important Dates

February 17, 2011: 5th Annual Health Administration Case Competition and LR Jordan

Distinguished Lecture (Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, AL)

February 18, 2011: Quality Summit (Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, AL)

March 22, 2011: ACHE Reception at Buddy Guy's Legends (Chicago, IL)

May 7, 2011: MSHA Class 45 Graduation Dinner (Birmingham, AL)

SCHOLARSHIPS ASSIST IN GRADUATE EDUCATION



received the nationally competitive Foster M. McGaw Scholarship from the American College of Healthcare Executives. We are very fortunate to be able to award scholarships through the generous support of our alumni in the form of endowed scholarships, the School of Health Professions and ACHE. These awards enable us to recruit the best students to our MSHA Program.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matt

Klosterman (Class 45) who

Matt Klosterman

- Robert C. Chapman Endowed Scholarship: Sarah Molony, Erin Phillips, Ben Richaud, Caroline Sarratt, Kanwar Singh
- Health Services Administration Endowed Scholarship:
 Rudy Lindsey, Jordan Voigt, Lacy Hastings
- 25th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship: Amy Downs, Laura Epps, Stuart Hurley, Whitney Kropp, Alex Reynolds, Graham Torres, Miller Vance, Brandon Wallace
- Jon E. Vice Scholarship: Briana Rader, Jim Bush

- 35th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship: Peter Basten
- Richard Lind Endowed Scholarship: Chad Cote, Brantley Kilgore, Philip Meador, Kriti Mishra, Jonathan Neff, Ryan Starnes, Brian Welton, Chris Brown, Allison Clemmons, Cory Everett, Katy Haley, Eddie Hill, Carl Landry
- Michael Garrigan Endowed Scholarship: Cara Vice,
 Frances Watts
- Robert Zasa Endowed Scholarship: Brandon Lambert,
 Frances Watts
- Kenneth Roan Endowed Scholarship: Margaret Golden, Melissa Schuermann
- Scott Braxton Ryland Endowed Scholarship: Jordan Crist, Drew Davis, Lacy Hastings, Brooke Wilkinson, Samantha Wiginton
- Dean's Minority Scholarship: Bryan Cutliff, William Hill,
 Jr., Derrick Wheeler
- Dean's Merit Scholarship: Richard Foy, Joshua Hewiett
- Foster McGaw Scholarship: Matt Klosterman
- HCA Corris Boyd Scholars Program: William English

SAYING GOODBYE TO A COLLEAGUE



Carole Giardina, PhD

BIRMINGHAM, AL: The Department of Health Services Administration is sad to share that Carole Giardina, PhD passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2010. Carol was born on January 28, 1949 in Selma, Alabama. She was a 1967 graduate of Francis Marion High School where she was Valedictorian and President of the Student Body. She graduated from the University of Alabama in 1971 where she received her BS Degree in Finance. In 1973, she received her Master's Degree in Health Care Administration from UAB. After several years of working in the long term care industry, Dr. Giardina returned to UAB where she earned her PhD in 1989. Dr. Giardina served on the faculty of the School of Business at Samford University until 1998. In 2007 she was named Associate Professor in the School of Health Professions at UAB. In this role, she was an active faculty member in the Department with special interest and expertise in Long Term Care. The new LTC concentration in the BSHS Program was built around her special skills and knowledge. She was a graduate of MSHA Class 7 and a PHD graduate from our Department in 1989. Dr. Giardina was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her family. In her spare time she enjoyed painting and was involved with numerous civic and philanthropic organizations.

- Howard W. Houser

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HOUSER RETIRING AFTER A LIFETIME AT UAB



Dr. Houser Rocking at his Retirement Party

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - Howard W. Houser started working at the University of Alabama at Birmingham so long ago, it wasn't even UAB then. Houser started in 1965; the university formally was founded in 1969. In December, Houser, a professor in the Department of Health Services Administration and an associate dean in the School of Health Professions, is retiring after a more-than 40-year career full of personal and professional landmarks. He got his start at the University of Alabama Hospital and Clinics as assistant administrator and director of manpower development.

"The week I started in February 1965 was coincidental with the federal order to desegregate the hospital," says Houser. "I was the new guy, so the job of monitoring was assigned to me."

Houser calls that an awesome experience.

Houser, a native of Syracuse, N.Y., had been recruited to the hospital by then Chief Administrator Matthew F. McNulty, Jr., whom he had met while serving in the Air Force in Montgomery, Ala.. Even

then, McNulty had the concept for what would become the School of Health Professions and wanted Houser to help him make it happen. They started planning for what would later be called the School of Community and Allied Health Resources.

After 18 months, Houser left the hospital to earn his doctorate in health administration at the University of Iowa, knowing he had a job in Birmingham when he finished. "We'd meet at professional conferences from time to time and hold faculty planning meetings about the new school in the hotel," Houser recalls. "When I returned with my doctoral degree, I headed up the new master's program in health administration that I had helped develop in 1965." Keith Blayney had been recruited to be dean of the new school. He and Houser began building programs, hiring faculty and developing the school.

The school's reputation grew in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and suitors from around the world came knocking, looking to tap into the expertise being assembled on the city's south side. A UAB delegation went to Finland in 1975 to help start allied health programs. Houser and colleagues consulted with the Peruvian health system in 1980 and built allied health programs in Jamaica between 1983 and 1986. Then, in 1984, came the call that truly would be Houser's most meaningful international partnership.

"The Chinese government wanted help with health service administration education in 1984, and I was tapped to head our efforts," he says. "As a Cold War youth, I never would have thought I'd go to China and work with the communist government there, but it truly changed my life."

His first visit spanned six months in China, working in conjunction with Project Hope, a U.S.-based medical relief organization that hired UAB and Houser to provide services to China.

"We set up a four-year program to educate Chinese students in health administration," he says. "They'd spend their first two years in China, come to UAB for one year and return to China to finish. We graduated the first class in 1989."

Since then, Houser has enjoyed a 26-year relationship with China. He's hosted more than 100 visiting students, scholars and medical delegations and helped establish a state-of-the-art pediatric hospital there. His wife, who also is on the faculty at UAB, is Chinese, and they maintain a home in Beijing.

Through it all, Houser says his greatest joy was being able to see UAB grow. The campus was contained in six blocks in 1965; it covers more than 80 now. The School of Community and Allied Health Resources started with three faculty members in 1970; the School of Health Professions now has 98.

The MSHA Program has enrolled 46 classes in health services administration since its inception. Other than the third and fourth cohorts, while he was away at Iowa, Houser has taught every one, a total of more than 1,200 students. Today those former students work at hospitals and medical facilities across the country and the world. Some of those former students have worked to create an endowed professorship in health services administration in his name.

And that, according to Dr. Howard W. Houser, is the greatest tribute of his life.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESIDENT....

One is never completely ready for what awaits them during the residency experience. The MSHA faculty try to lay the academic foundation, an understanding of collaboration and team work, and how to be resourceful - whatever the task. But, as you will see in the pictures from Class 44 residency experiences, some parts of the residency are best described with a picture.



Rhonda Magee encourages VAMC employees to get their flu shots.



Rhonda Magee spreading the word about infection control.



Barrett Fisher shows Josh Hewiett and Claire O'Rear around University Medical Center during residency interviews.



Carlie Gotlieb (far right) and her co-fellows take 1st place in the Dallas ACHE Case Competition.



Matt West (aka Captain Colon) tours kids and adults alike through the Colossal Colon and educates them about GI diseases.



Julie Rew and Kevin Brantley enjoy the Ochsner Seats during a Saints Game.



Aaron William's very own chili won the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off, a fundraising effort developed to help the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk.

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Abby Munton and Matt West show the Zambian Ambassador around Carolinas Medical Center.



Jessica Hunter and Brad Tate help spread Thanksgiving cheer to St. Joseph's employees.



Hollie Nolan (right) polishes her shooting skills during target practice.



Chase Hall learns all about Infection Control.



Chris Westbrook plays kickball on the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital team.

NEW RESIDENTIAL PhD STUDENTS



GINGER AZBIK, MSHA, BS, RN is a Birmingham native who began her career as a Registered Nurse, having received her Diploma from St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing. After practicing at the bedside, she later earned her Bachelor's Degree in Allied Health from UAB's School of Health Professions with a concentration in Management. Following that,

she earned her Master's Degree in Health Administration from UAB's Executive MSHA program. In addition to serving in Nursing Management and Leadership, Ginger has had a rewarding career in Health Services, encompassing many different facets, including Staff Development and Continuing Education, Recruitment and Retention, and Human Resources Management, having served as a Director of Human Resources. She has also served in hospital administration, as a Service Line Director overseeing operations in CV, Ortho/Neuro, Physical Therapy, Rehab, Critical Care, and Emergency Services in Birmingham area hospitals. Ginger made the decision to pursue her PhD in order to conduct research and to earn a faculty position teaching future health services leaders. Her research interests are still broadly focused, and include leadership development, change management, and organizational behavior. Ginger is married and has one child who is a student at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.



NITISH PATIDAR completed Medical School in India. While completing a public health field project in remote areas of India he decided to pursue his career in Health Administration to understand and explore possibilities of making the health system more efficient. He completed his Masters in Health Administration from the University of Kentucky in 2010.

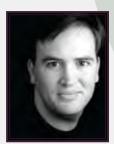
During his health administration internship in Telemedicine he was influenced by the use of technology to provide high quality health care at affordable cost to people who currently have less access to health care. He worked on Cost Effectiveness and Benefit analysis of the Telemedicine program in Eastern Kentucky using GIS for his capstone project which was funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. He presented his capstone poster in the National Telemedicine conference in September 2010. He received an opportunity to pursue a PhD at University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he is exploring the possibility to research in Quality management, Health Access, GIS and Health Information technology.

In spare time he loves watching football and listening to soft music.



MICHAEL HUMBER is an assistant professor and the director of clinical education in the UAB Nurse Anesthesia Program in the School of Health Professions. He completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Alabama and his Master of Nurse Anesthesia at UAB. He has worked as a registered nurse at UAB Hospital prior to his anesthesia educa-

tion and worked as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at UAB Hospital. He is entering a new phase of life as he pursues his PhD in Administration-Health Services and hopes to become an even more effective leader in the health care arena. He attributes all of his success in life to God. He has a wonderful friend and beautiful wife of 13 years, and two awesome little boys with whom he loves to spend time. He has a lot of interests outside of academics including running, biking, coaching baseball, basketball, and football, leading small groups, and much more.



research and teaching.



ALLEN RYAN is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he earned the BA, BS and BBA-Accounting degrees and was initiated into Beta Alpha Psi accounting honor society. He holds the MS degree in hospital administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and is currently completing requirements for the MS degree in finance from Indiana

BART LIDDLE is a CPA and earned his MBA

from Belmont University. He recently began

the PhD program after serving in various ca-

pacities at HCA in Nashville for fourteen years.

Prior to his roles within HCA, Bart served as a senior auditor for KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP.

His long-term goal is to make a significant con-

tribution to the healthcare industry through

University. Mr. Ryan has been a member of the finance faculty at UAB since January 2006. Prior to joining the business school faculty, he spent four years at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama before living in Western Europe for 12 years where he worked in international education. He spent a year studying finance and economics at Trinity College, University of Dublin, where he also served as a course tutor in business calculus. Mr. Ryan's professional interests are in health care finance and international health care systems, and he plans to work in these areas after completing his doctoral studies.

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EXECUTIVE DOCTORAL COHORT 2010 - 2013

Larry Harris Chewning III

President/CEO Nash Health Care Systems Rocky Mount, NC

Kerry G. Gillihan

President and CEO Cardinal Hill Healthcare System Lexington, KY

Barbara Guerard

VP Health Services People's Health New Orleans, LA

Thomas R. Hunt, MD

Director, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery UAB School of Medicine Birmingham, AL

Holly Jarek

Nursing Home Administrator Seven Hills Pediatric Center Groton, MA

Joseph John

Administrator, Clinical Operations The Emory Clinic Atlanta, GA

Sylvia Pan

Vice President and General Manager/CEO Beijing Market
The United Family Healthcare System
Chaoyang District
Beijing, China

Raymond Snead, Jr.

Partner, Executive Services Tatum, LLC Marietta, GA

Mary Temm

President Temm and Associates, Inc. Phoenix, AZ

Lisa Walters-Zucco

Administrator Kindred Hospital of Springfield Springfield, MA

Joseph Webb

Chief Operating Officer Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center Clarksdale, MS



Tom Hunt with Kathy Adams.



Joe Webb "cooking up" something special.



Joseph John sizzles some steak at the Culinard.

EXECUTIVE MSHA CLASS OF 2012 (E 46)



Members of F 46

Lauren Aultman

Reimbursement Analyst Children's Health System Birmingham, AL

Dawn Bulgarella

Executive Administrator Department of Anesthesiology University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, AL

Rockell N. Burks

Transplant Coordinator **UAB** Hospital Birmingham, AL

Noelle E. Cooper Financial Officer I

UAB/UAHSF Birmingham, AL

Atedoyin Dosunmu-Ogunbi, M.D.

Owner

Doyin Ogunbi, M.D., LLC Montgomery, AL

Laura Echols

Supervisor, Clinical Operations Carefusion MedMined Services Birmingham, AL

Martin J. Heslin, M.D. Professor of Surgery Senior Associate Chief of Staff

UAB Hospital Birmingham, AL

Ayodele O. Kayode

Inpatient Pharmacist VA Medical Center Birmingham, AL

Martin E. Maloney

Nurse Manager CICU **UAB** Hospital Birmingham, AL

Gerick J. Marshall

RN/Lead Nurse, Trauma & Burn Virginia A. Traweek **ICU UAB** Hospital

Birmingham, AL

Nancy Norris

Director, Clinical Services The Kirklin Clinic Birmingham, AL

Clinton Pittman, JD

Executive Vice President Redmont Health Services, Inc. Birmingham, AL

Cathy D. Rayford

Manager, Bus. Services & Office Operations

UAHSF - Dept. of Surgery Birmingham, AL

Michelle C. Shaddix

Manager, Hospitalist Services Seton Medical Management Mobile, AL

Brandy Q. Simpson

Manager of Operations & Payor Relations Huntsville Hospital

Huntsville, AL

Associate Greenbrier Development Dallas, TX

Mathieu E. Turncliff

Wellness Supervisor St. Vincent's Hospital Birmingham, AL

Samika L. Williams

Director of Development **UAB** Depatment of Medicine Birmingham, AL

CLASS 46 LEADERSHIP

President: Ryan Starnes VP, External Affairs: Alex Reynolds Amy Downs VP, Finance: VP, Philanthropy: Laura Epps Miller Vance VP, Social Affairs:

MSHA CLASSIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair: Brantley Kilgore Director, Sponsorships: Stuart Hurley Director, Logistics: Drew Davenport Director, Marketing: Lacy Hastings



Class 46 During Leadership Boot Camp

RESIDENTIAL MSHA CLASS 46

CLASS MEMBER	COLLEGE	MAJOR	HOMETOWN
Chad M. Cote	University of Florida	Statistics	High Springs, FL
Debbie N. Cox	Colorado State University	English Literature	Colorado Spgs, CO
Jordan T. Crist	Univ of Missouri-Columbia	Psychology	Grover, MO
Bryan L. Cutliff	Utah State University	Speech Communications	Salt Lake City, UT
Andrew R.W. Davenport	Auburn University	Business	Huntsville, AL
Daniel A. Davis	Louisiana State University	Mass Communication: PR	Zachary, LA
Amy M. Downs	University of Southern California	Health Promotion/ Disease Prevention	Aurora, OR
William D. English	Univ of Alabama at Birmingham	Health Sciences	Uriah, AL
Laura G. Epps	Georgia Institute of Technology	Industrial Engineering	Dry Branch, GA
Margaret T. Golden	University of Georgia	Finance	Albany, GA
Lacy E. Hastings	University of South Carolina	Marketing Insurance & Risk Management	Greenwood, SC
Stuart W. Hurley	College of Charleston	Business Administration	Birmingham, AL
Brantley S. Kilgore	Univ of Tennessee-Knoxville	Enterprise Mgmt / Logistics	Kingsport, TN
Whitney E. Kropp	University of Florida	Economics	Atlanta, GA
Brandon W. Lambert	University of Alabama	Health Care Management	Birmingham, AL
Philip R. Meador	The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	Business Administration/ Accounting	Mobile, AL
Kriti Mishra	Birmingham-Southern College	Business Administration	Hoover, AL
Sarah L. Molony	Auburn University	Biomedical Sciences	Hoover, AL
Andrew P. Mueller	Tulane University	Sociology	Gainesville, FL
Jonathan C. Neff	University of Florida	Management	Cincinnati, OH
Erin E. Phillips	Centre College	Biology	Knoxville, TN
Elizabeth Pomierski	University of Southern Mississippi	Health Administration	Meridian, MS
Briana M. Rader	University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee	Healthcare Administration	Milwaukee, WI
Alexander B. Reynolds	Southern Illinois University - Carbondale	Business Administration	Hillsboro, IL
Benjamin C. Richaud	University of Alabama	Advertising	Folsom, LA
Deepali Singla	University of Pittsburgh	Natural Sciences	Birmingham, AL
Lauren T. Spalding	Stetson University	Marketing	Birmingham, AL
Alvonice L. Spencer	Auburn University	Finance	Tuscaloosa, AL
J. Ryan Starnes	Clemson University	Industrial Engineering	Nashville, TN
Graham E. Torres	Mississippi State University	Industrial Engineering	Hoover, AL
Miller S. Vance	University of Mississippi	MBA/ Bus Adm/Marketing	Tupelo, MS
Cara N. Vice	University of Alabama	Communication Studies	Pleasant Grove, AL
Frances A. Watts	University of Alabama	Finance	Greenville, AL
Brian J. Welton	Univ of Tennessee-Knoxville	Finance	Germantown, TN
E. Brooke Wilkinson	Univ of Alabama at Birmingham	Psychology, Philosophy	Birmingham, AL

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL GPHA ALUMNI MEETING

SANDESTIN, FL: In conjunction with the 30th Annual National Symposium for Healthcare Executives and the annual Alumni Association for the Graduate Programs in Health Administration meeting, four new GPHA Board members were approved including:

Jason Alexander (Class 28)

Executive Vice President / Chief Operating Officer Providence Hospital Mobile, Alabama

Lynn Elgin (Class 27)

Principal Clarus Consulting Group Birmingham, Alabama

Brian Maziarz (Class 35)

Regional Director HealthStream McKinney, Texas

Nir Menachemi, PhD (PhD)

Assoc Prof & Dir of Doctor of Public Health Program UAB School of Public Health Birmingham, Alabama

A number of awards were presented during the annual meeting. Kerry Gillihan presented Jim Burkhart with the Alumnus of the Year Award (see page 1 for complete story). The following awards were also presented:

- Scholastic Achievement Award for MSHA Class 44: Michael Conrad, Carlie Gotlieb, and Hollie Nolan
- Outstanding E45 Student: Brian E. Condit
- Outstanding Residential MSHA Class 45: Matt Klosterman

During the 2009-2010 year, there were a number of networking receptions for alumni, preceptors, student and faculty. Chuck Stokes hosted a reception at his home in Houston, Texas while the alumni association supported receptions in the following cities:

- Chicago, IL
- Jackson, MS
- Charlotte, NC
- Nashville, TN
- Sandestin, FL
- Birmingham, AL
- New Orleans, LA



Mike Conrad accepts Scholastic Achievement Award from Kerry Gillihan, GPHA President.

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NETWORKING RECEPTIONS DURING 2010

ACHE IN CHICAGO, IL



(L-R): Tom Williams, Chris Cosby and Brandon Haushalter



(L-R): Katie Parker, Jamie McAdams, Melissa Schuermann, Richard Foy and Ryan Oss



(L-R): Mark and Kathryn Mansell with Tom Powers, PhD



(L-R): Chad Christianson, Daniel Shumate, and Holly Jackson



(L-R): Otis Story and Kerry Gillihan



(L-R): Ryan Pillman, Lenetra McCord, and Callie Andrews



Gerald Glandon, PhD with Bo Cofield, DrPH.

JACKSON, MS



(1st Row): Jim Bush, Minh Dang, Caroline Sarratt, Graham Howard. (Back Row): Matt Gibson, Kevin Flynn, Matt Fisher, Brian Spraberry, Randa Hall, Richard Trethaway, Tripp Johnson, Abby Munton and Al Faulk

HOUSTON, TX



(L-R): Melissa Mielcarek, Chuck Stokes, Kevin Foster, Howard Houser, Randa Hall, Blake Sims and Melissa Paschenko

NASHVILLE, TN



(L-R): Jennifer Causey, Lee Ann Ruffing, Yameeka Jones, Andrea White and Taylor McClain



Katie Adams and Beth Keyser

30TH ANNUAL NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES



(L-R): Dick Thompson, Howard Houser, Tee Hiett and Mike Williams



(L-R): Kevin and Callie Andrews with Ben Whitworth



(L-R): Chris and Mike Conrad, Jagoda Wartak, Wyatt, Heath and Angela Evans



(L-R): Jon Vice, Tom Miller, Peggy Cella, and Howard Houser



Stacy and Perry White with Rachel, Davis and Harrison

NEW ORLEANS, LA



(L-R): Julie Rew, Dean Mazzanti, Michael Pou and Danielle Jupiter



CHARLOTTE, NC

(Front Row): Jenna Groner, Lauren Rorabaugh, Jean Wester, Susan Abroms, Randa Hall. (Back Row): Jay de los Reyes, Guy Glorioso, Josh Snow, Kathryn Evans, Brent Lammers, Matt West and Abby Munton



(L-R): Jim Montgomery, Bob Hernandez, Claudia Campbell, and Mary Stefl

ANNUAL PRECEPTOR'S CONFERENCE IN BIRMINGHAM, AL



(L-R): William Jessee, Bob Hernandez, Eric Williams, Stephen O'Connor



(L-R): Rudy Lindsey, Matt Hamilton, and Tommy Middleton



(L-R): Miller Vance, Claire O'Rear, Sarah Dudley

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, State)
5	J.J. Burdin	We are sad to share the passing of JJ Burdin on November 20, 2010. He was a very active and successful healthcare executive.	
7	Peggy Cella	Consultant	EthosPartners (Suwanee, GA)
7	Carole Giardina	We are sad to share the passing Dr. Giardina on November 13, 2010. Please see related article on page 2.	
9	Tim Stinson	Division President	Select Medical Corporation (Nashville, TN)
10	Bob Atkinson	Former President & CEO	Jefferson Regional Medical Center (Pine Bluff, AR)
10	Pepper Hatch	Senior Vice President, Development	PivotHealth, LLC (Brentwood, TN)
12	Michael Tarwater	The American Hospital Association elected officer of Carolinas HealthCare System	
17	Phil Mazzuca	Chief Operating Officer	IASIS Healthcare (Franklin, TN)
17	Allen Ryan	Doctoral Student and finance instructor	University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)
18	Bill Adams	Senior VP & Chief Executive Officer	Valley Baptist Health Systems (Harlingen, TX)
21	Steve Burford	Executive Director	Murray Physician Services (Murray, KY)
22	Oliver Walker	Vice President, Long-term Care Division/ Executive Director	Grady Health System, Crestview Health & Rehabilitation Center (Atlanta, GA)
24	Randa Smith Hall	Associate Chair, Department of Health Services Administration	University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)
25	David Frum	President and Chief Executive Officer	Bridgton Hospital/Central Maine Medical Family (Bridgton, ME)
25	George Hinton	Chief Administrative Officer	Aurora Sinai Medical Center of Aurora Health Care Metro, Inc. (Milwaukee, WI)
26	Paul Storey	Assistant Chief Executive Officer	Northwest Health System (Springdale, AR)
29	Tedra Cleveland	Compliance Director	HealthSouth Corporation (Birmingham, AL)
30	Greg Hulsey	Chief Operating Officer	Orthopaedic Specialists of Alabama (Birmingham, AL)
32	Stacey Merrill	Division Director of Operations	St. Thomas Physician Services (Nashville, TN)
32	Heather Mitchell	Chief Quality & Compliance Officer	Medical West Hospital (Bessemer, AL)
33	Jason Little	System Chief Operating Officer	Baptist Memorial Health Care (Memphis, TN)
34	Vinnie Sharma	Manager	ECG Management Consultants (San Diego, CA)
35	Christy Baynes	Vice President of Client Care & Education	Always There In-Home Care Inc. (Birmingham, AL)
35	Michelle Winslow	Network Telehealth Coordinator	VISN 8 VA Sunshine Healthcare Network (Albany, NY)

Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, State)
36	Tripp Smith	Chief Operating Officer	Northwest Medical Center - Bentonville (Bentonville, AR)
36	Joel Taylor	Administrator	Citizens Baptist Medical Center Talledega, AL)
36	Patrick Trammell	Chief Executive Officer	Cherokee Medical Center (Centre, AL)
37	Ross Armstrong	Manager, Performance Practice	ECG Management Consultants, Inc (San Diego, CA)
37	Brad Ervin	Chief Operating Officer	Select Specialty Hospital (Pensacola, FL)
37	Larkin Kennedy	Director, Critical Access Hospitals	Rush Health Systems (Meridian, MS)
37	Bryan Lee	Announces the birth of his first son, Anders Bryan Lee, who was born June 16, 2010. Bryan has also been promoted to Division Vice President for Select Medical Corporation LTACH Division.	
37	Scott Miller	Network Pricing Consultant	United Healthcare (Greensboro, NC)
37	Brad Parsons	Chief Executive Officer	Baptist Memorial Hospital - Union City (Union City, TN)
37	Lauren Parks Rorabaugh	Operations Director, Women's Services	Carolinas HealthCare System (Charlotte, NC)
38	Mark Mansell	Regional Manager, Strategic Markets	Cancer Treatment Centers of America (Zion, IL)
38	Melissa Pennington Mielcarek	Melissa and Mariusz announce the birth of their daughter, Calisia Beth Mielcarek, who was born on 11/23/2010. Melissa has also become the Service Line Administrator for cardiovascular, neuroscience and oncology at Memorial Hermann Southwest (Houston, TX).	
38	Lauryn Modenbach	Sr. Consultant, Service Development & Physician Outreach	Baton Rouge General Medical Center (Baton Rouge, LA)
38	Douglas Reed	Vice President	Saint Joseph's Medical Group (Atlanta, GA)
38	Eric Robinson	Chief Operating Officer	Biloxi Regional Medical Center (Biloxi, MS)
39	Kevin Clark	Senior Administrator, Emory Transplant Center	Emory Healthcare (Atlanta, GA)
39	Sam Dean, Jr.	Vice President	Trinity Medical Center (Birmingham, AL)
39	Jenna Groner	Director of Operations, Emergency Department	Carolinas Medical Center (Charlotte, NC)
39	Todd Jackson	Completed the requirements to become a Fellow within ACHE.	
39	Daniel Shumate	Chief Financial Officer	Campbell Clinic (Germantown, TN)
40	Chad Breedlove	Chief, Ground Medical UTC Branch	Air Command and Staff College (Langley, AFB, VA)
40	Jay de los Reyes	Chief Operating Officer	HealthSouth Sunrise Rehabilitation Hospital (Sunrise, FL)
40	Thomas Miller	Executive Director - Southern Region	Children's Hospital and Health System (Milwaukee, WI)
40	Heath Phillips	Chief Executive Officer	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Tallahassee (Tallahassee, FL)

Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, State)
40	Pebblin Williams	Business Manager, Perioperative Services	Providence Hospital (Mobile, AL)
41	Chris Beckham	Administrative Director, Athens Regional Specialty Serv. Inc	Athens Regional Health System (Athens, GA)
41	Matt Cybulsky	Doctoral Student	University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)
41	Dana Gillies	Vice President & Chief Resource Officer	Supply Chain Group, Ascension Health (Birmingham, AL)
41	Raleigh Gresham, III	Senior Associate	NorthHighland (Atlanta, GA)
41	John Kueven	Administrator, Pediatric Transplant Center	Children's Hospital Boston (Boston, MA)
41	Ryan Pillman	Ryan and Mollie were married on May 30, 2010 and he has also taken a new position as Project Manager with Impact Advisors in Chicago, Illinois.	
41	Jana Williams	Senior Associate	PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC (Birmingham, AL)
41	Ben Youree	Chief Operating Officer	Community Health Systems (Dyersburg, TN)
42	Kyle Armstrong	Chief Executive Officer	Baptist Memorial Hospital - Booneville (Booneville, MS)
42	Lisa Austin	Associate	Verite Healthcare Consulting (Alexandria, VA)
42	Katrina Driessnack Morgan	Director of Nursing	Lovelace Westside Hospital (Albuquerque, NM)
42	Matt Pearson	Chief Executive Officer	Select Specialty Hospital -Western Missouri (Kansas City, MO)
42	Blake Sims	Director of Operations	St. Luke's Lakeside Hospital (Houston, TX)
42	Brad Tate	Director, Ambulatory Services and Business Development	St. Joseph's Health System (Atlanta, GA)
43	Dana Chambers	Director of Special Projects	West Georgia Health System (LaGrange, GA)
43	Sarah Dudley	Director of Operations and Business Development	Princeton Baptist Medical Center (Birmingham, AL)
43	Heath Evans	Administrative Specialist	North Okaloosa Medical Center (Crestview, FL)
43	Jenny Friedman	Project Manager	Children's Hospital and Health System (Milwaukee, WI)
43	Rett Grover	Director of Business Operations	University of Mississippi Medical Center (Jackson, MS)
43	Konrad Holt	Business Analyst	Ephraim Health System (Danville, KY)
43	Tripp Johnson	Director of Ambulatory Operations	University Physicians, PLLC (Jackson, MS)
43	David King	Special Assistant to the President and principal marketing officer for the Health System.	St. Luke's Episcopal Health System (Houston, TX)
43	Stephanie Bulle King	HR Manager, Corporate Services	St. Luke's Episcopal Health System

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43	Elizabeth Haddock Kirby	Practice Manager, Greater Mobile Urgent Care	Cardiology Associates (Mobile, AL)
43	Jessica Meuchel	Business Manager	Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center (Baton Rouge, LA)
43	Taylor McClain	Project Manager	Vanderbilt University Medical Center (Nashville, TN)
43	Chris Price	Director of Operations	Shelby Baptist Medical Center (Alabaster, AL)
43	Parrish F. Prudhome	Consultant-Hospital Operations	Community Hospital Corporation (Plano, TX)
43	Ashley Rhea	Assistant CEO	Northeast Regional Medical Center (Kirksville, MO)
43	Erin Roberts Rodia	Program Administrator	Riverside Methodist Hospital (Columbus, OH)
43	Megan Schrimsher	Assistant Administrator	HealthSpring (Birmingham, AL)
43	Martin Smith	Administrative Fellow	UAB Health System (Birmingham, AL)
E 32	Brian Spraberry	President and CEO	Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital (Birmingham, AL)
E 39	Ben Johnson	Senior Consultant, Healthcare Planning and Strategies Group	Perkins + Will (Atlanta, GA)
E 39	Chris Mote	Senior Technical Consultant	Sysmex America, Inc. (Decatur, AL)
E 40	Mark Bryan	Chief Executive Officer	Delray Medical Center (Delray Beach, FL)
E 40	Wally Davis	Vice President, Health Link / Acclaim / Nurse Link	North Mississippi Health Services (Tupelo, MS)
E 41	Maggie Emanuelli	Director of Reimbursement	University of Tennessee Medical Center (Knoxville, TN)
E 41	Ron Wyatt	Director	Dept of Defense Patient Safety Analysis Center (Baltimore, MD)
E 42	Chad Knight	Administrator, Oncology Services, Zimmer Cancer Ctr.	New Hanover Regional Medical Center (Wilmington, NC)
E 43	Teri Hoenemeyer	Director-Education & Supportive Services	UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center (Birmingham, AL)
E 43	Carlos Taylor	Revenue Cycle Director	UAB Medical West (Bessemer, AL)
E 44	Claire Byrnes	Director of Operations, Physician Services	Tift Regional Medical Center (Tifton, GA)
E 44	Danny McLean	Director of Breathing Care Services	Flowers Hospital (Dothan, AL)
PhD	Greg Ellis	Assistant Professor, Healthcare Administration	Western Kentucky University (Bowling Green, KY)
PhD	Cathleen Erwin	Assistant Professor	Auburn University (Auburn, AL)
PhD	Gouri Gupte	Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy & Management	Boston University (Boston, MA)
PhD	Anantachai (Tony) Panjamapirom	Consultant, Strategic Research	The Advisory Board Company (Washington, DC)