

## MSHA PROGRAM REACHES #2 IN U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

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March 10, 2015 was an exciting day for the MSHA Program when the most recent U.S. News rankings revealed that UAB's MSHA Program rose to #2 (up from #5 in 2012) in the ranking of graduate health care management programs. MSHA students in Class 49 and 50 were the first to learn the exciting news and celebrated with "#2" cookies. The celebration continued in Chicago during the annual ACHE Networking Reception the following week. The rankings are one metric by which other universities view our graduate program and a major way prospective students determine where to apply.

"We have worked very hard over the last decade to improve the MSHA Program as well as being actively involved in many educational initiatives – which have enhanced our national visibility," said Randa Smith Hall, MSHA Program Director.

"The ranking is an acknowledgement of our commitment to provide an outstanding learning experience that includes excellent education, practice-relevant scholarly activity, and engaged alumni," said Christy Harris Lemak, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Health Services Administration. "It means so much to the department because it is recognition from our peers and because it highlights a legacy of excellence at UAB that began 50 years ago."

We appreciate the continued support our alumni have given over the years and we hope you feel good about your graduate degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham!



UAB Master of Science in Health Administration is now **RANKED #2 IN THE NATION!**  
*(Up from 10th place in 2004)*



(L-R) Stephen O'Connor, Ph.D., Jon Vice, MSHHA, and Randa Hall, MBA, MSHA

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings from the Department of Health Services Administration at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of our activities. We are excited to be celebrating 50 years of excellence in our department. A few highlights:

- We launched a new online **Master of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety** graduate program and named Deidre McCaughey, Ph.D. its Program Director.
- We added three new specialized tracks in the **Master of Science in Health Informatics** program (Data Analytics, User Experience, and Health Information Management).
- Our **Doctor of Science in Administration-Health Services (DSc)** program continues to attract a group of exceptional C-suite students.
- The **Ph.D.** program continues to place graduates at some of the best health administration programs around the country. Please let us know if you are looking for well-trained new faculty for your program.
- Our graduate program in Saudi Arabia is now in its second cohort and we are exploring other educational programs around the world.
- We welcomed several new faculty to the Department this year. We know these appointments will enable us to continue producing the brightest leaders in the health care field. See page 3 for additional information on these new faculty members.
- Last fall, we hosted our annual **Preceptor's Conference** welcoming forty-two healthcare organizations from around the country to participate in the administrative residency launch for our MSHA students. **Jeffrey Selberg** of The Peter G. Peterson Foundation delivered the 23rd Van Zile Scott Lecture, "On Becoming a Leader."



Christy Harris Lemak, PhD  
Professor and Chair

In order to enhance our ability to achieve our mission, exceed our goals and improve the effectiveness of our operations, the following new roles have been added for the department:

- **Dr. S. Robert Hernandez (Class 5)** has been named **Senior Associate Chair of Global Health** in order to focus on the various international programs that are currently in place as well as evaluating additional opportunities that the Department and University are considering. He will continue to serve as the Program Director for the Doctoral Programs.
- **Dr. Robert Weech-Maldonado**, current L.R. (Rush) Jordan Endowed Professor, now serves as the **Associate Chair for Research**, serving as the primary lead for all departmental research initiatives.
- **Dr. Pamela Paustian** is now the **Associate Chair for Academic Operations**, where she will work across the eight educational programs within the Department to identify best practices for teaching and recruitment. She will also continue in her role as the Health Care Management Program Director.
- To help create the infrastructure we need to support active alumni engagement, **Randa Hall (Class 24)**, who has worked primarily with the MSHA Program in various capacities over the last fourteen years, has been named **Associate Chair of External Relations and Alumni Affairs**. In this role, she will provide leadership and support in maintaining alumni data, directing alumni advisory boards, and implementing new and improved alumni engagement activities across all the department programs.
- **Amy Landry, PhD (Class 35)**, Associate Professor, who returned seven years ago to teach across the Department but primarily in the MSHA Program, has been named **Program Director** for the Residential and Executive MSHA programs.

We are celebrating 50 years of excellence in health administration education on April 9, 2016 in Birmingham. We invite you to celebrate with us. We are grateful for your support of all we do to develop leaders who will shape tomorrow's health care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Christy Harris Lemak, PhD  
Professor and Chair



## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN DEPARTMENT



**Allyson G. Hall, Ph.D.**, a professor in the Department of Health Services Administration, teaches health policy in the Master of Science in Health Administration and Doctoral programs. Dr. Hall's broad research interests emphasize improving healthcare access and systems for vulnerable populations. Current scholarly activity focuses on reducing fragmentation within the delivery system including assessments of patient-centered medical homes and transition to primary care programs for emergency department patients. Dr. Hall has a long-standing interest in Medicaid and was an investigator on an 8-year evaluation of changes to Florida's Medicaid program. Her work has also included studies aimed at improving health care access for individuals living with a disability. Prior to joining UAB, Dr. Hall was an associate professor at the University of Florida and served as the Master of Health Administration Program Director. She received her Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and her MHS/MBA from the University of Florida.

**Donna Herrin-Griffith, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, FAAN**, is an assistant professor with a dual appointment in the School of Health Professions/Masters Health Services Administration program and leadership programs with the School of Nursing. In the MSHA program she coaches and mentors students during the residency year. Additionally, she serves as guest expert for students in the undergraduate Health Care Management program. Ms. Herrin-Griffith has more than 30 years of executive experience in healthcare, specializing in healthcare operations, workforce and leader development, and succession planning. Her background includes positions as Senior Vice President of Operations, Chief Nurse Executive, Chief Patient Care/Nursing Officer and Workforce Development Executive. She holds a master's degree in Health Systems Management/Nursing Administration from Vanderbilt University.



**Tapan Mehta, Ph.D.**, is an assistant professor in the Department of Health Services Administration. Dr. Mehta's primary research interests lie in aggregating and integrating silos of genomic, epidemiological and administrative data, to investigate interesting scientific questions, through novel applications of statistical methods and computing platforms. He is especially interested in pursuing scientific inquiry in topics related to obesity, longevity, disability, and health policy and interventions. He earned his doctoral degree in Biostatistics and a Master's in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and an undergraduate degree in Computer Engineering from University of Mumbai (previously known as University of Bombay), India.

**Deirdre McCaughey, Ph.D.**, is an associate professor in the Department of Health Services Administration and the program director for the Graduate programs in Healthcare Quality & Safety. Dr. McCaughey teaches graduate students in courses on health services management, strategy, and the application of organizational behavior theory in pursuit of evidence-based management. Her research involves examining organizational factors, such as leadership and organizational culture, in healthcare institutions that influence healthcare provider and workforce well-being and subsequently optimize organizational quality and patient safety outcomes. Before joining UAB, McCaughey was the John Jones Scholar in Workers Compensation Research and an Associate Professor at The Pennsylvania State University in the Department of Health Policy and Administration. Dr. McCaughey earned her Ph.D. and MBA from the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada.



**Bunyamin Ozaydin, Ph.D.**, teaches in the Master of Science in Health Informatics Program. Dr. Ozaydin's research interests and prior work experience include the topics of systems modeling and analysis, database systems, data modeling, database administration, databases for clinical research, healthcare quality improvement, health information systems, artificial intelligence techniques for classification and pattern recognition, information theory, and quantum information theory. Dr. Ozaydin worked at UAB's Departments of Ophthalmology and Anesthesiology for over a decade at various roles including Database Analyst and Research Associate. He earned his B.S. degree in Physics from Marmara University in Turkey, M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering, and Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from UAB. Before joining the Department of Health Services Administration, he served on the Quality Improvement Committee and the Section on Quality and Patient Safety at the UAB Department of Anesthesiology.

## NOWAK AND FERNIANY NAMED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR FOR 2014 AND 2015

During the 34th Graduate Programs in Health Administration meeting (2014) held in Sandestin, Florida, Martin Nowak (Class 15), President of Nowak & Associates was named the 2014 Alumnus of the Year. Mr. Nowak was nominated by Virginia Traweek (E 46) and noted his keen sense of mentoring students as she experienced his passion during the Executive MSHA Program during their Entrepreneurship course. In addition, for a number of years, Martin has provided insight to the Residential MSHA students during their orientation onboarding – giving insight on how to become an effective healthcare leader.

In addition, the following MSHA students were recognized for their achievements:

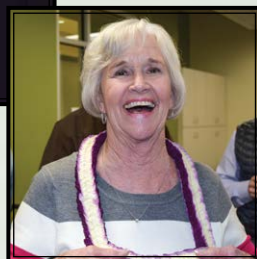
- Outstanding Executive MSHA Student: Marshia Coe (E 48)
- Outstanding Residential MSHA Student: Daniel Reinman (48)
- Scholastic Achievement Award: Andrew Hancher, Ansley Mitcham Carroll Papajohn, and Kathleen Shearer (all from MSHA Class 48)

During the 35th National Symposium for Healthcare Executives (2015), Dr. Will Ferniany, CEO of the UAB Health System, was recognized as the 2015 Alumnus of the Year. He was nominated by Randa Smith Hall (Class 24), Director of the MSHA Program, for his continuous support of the MSHA Program. Will has continued to support the UAB Health Administration Case Competition since returning as the CEO of the UAB Health System. In 2015, Dr. Ferniany initiated a “game changing” opportunity for the Residential MSHA students referred to as the UAB Health System Student Workforce Program. Through this program, all incoming MSHA students begin a part-time job within the UAB Health System, providing real-world experience during their first year in the Program.

## SARA PATTERSON RETIRES



(L-R): Front Row: Jamie Wade and Sara Patterson;  
Back Row: Marty Heslin, Brian Spraberry and Lori Quinn



(L-R): Amanda Henson,  
Martin Nowak and Randa Hall



(L-R): Randa Hall, Will  
Ferniany, Jamie Dabal and  
Christy Lemak

Perry White (Class 29), Senior Vice President of Johnson Development, was recognized with the Past President’s Award for his long-term dedication to the alumni association. He has given almost a decade of time to the alumni association and helped formalized the 501(c)(3) status of the organization while incorporating the MSHA Classic account for the students.

In addition, the following students were recognized for their achievements:

- Outstanding Executive MSHA Student: Raheel Farough (E 49)
- Scholastic Achievement Award: Lauren Poist (MSHA Class 48)

After 30 years of dedicated service to the Department, Sara Patterson, Assistant Director of the MSHA Program, retired in December 2014. On November 18, friends, family and many alumni gathered to celebrate Sara’s time and service to the Department. Beth Keyser (E 37), President of Healthways Hawaii, provided a magnificent Hawaiian lei for the special occasion. During her time at UAB, Sara wore many hats – most notably working tirelessly on the National Symposium for Healthcare Executives and helping create the Executive format of the MSHA Program. She worked behind the scenes to make sure every detail was in place to ensure excellence in whatever task she handled. Sara always had a smile on her face which was always so welcoming whether it was in Sandestin at the registration desk or countless weekends in Birmingham greeting the Executive students to campus and ensuring their every need was met during the on-campus sessions. It will take four or more people to replicate what she was able to do on her own. We sorely miss Sara but wish her all the happiness in the next phase of her life.



## TEE HIETT CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY



Jay Vines, Tee Hiett, and Bob Hernandez



On January 8, 2016, Dr. Tee Hiett turned 90 years old and we celebrated this auspicious occasion with a birthday lunch for this beloved faculty member and friend to so many. His impact can be witnessed in so many ways. In fact, people traveled from California, Andalusia, Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, Children's of Alabama, the Kirklin Clinic, and St. Vincent's Health System to wish him well.



It was fun to hear about all the ways Dr. Hiett has enriched the lives of students, faculty and alumni through his keen eye which focuses on the future – helping bring in the first desktop computers, email addresses and an unbelievable love for life. It is Dr. Hiett's intellect and skill that have enabled the MSHA Program to complete the admissions process and Preceptor's Conference "matching process" through sophisticated and tested databases and programming. Perhaps, he is best known for the encouragement that he provides to each person with whom he interacts and demonstrates the "lifelong learning" through his grocery cart example. He's still asking questions and helping the Performance Engineering group at The Kirklin Clinic think about how to improve systems for the patient. Next time you are in Birmingham, stop by to see Dr. Hiett and his new "belt buckle" from the event. Congratulations on a life well-lived. We'll be here to ring in Dr. Hiett's 100th birthday in 2026!

## HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT, HSA'S EXCELLENT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Since 1982, the undergraduate program has provided educational opportunities for students in the health professions. The Health Care Management program curriculum prepares graduates with a vital foundation and understanding of the health care delivery system with a focus on management, quality improvement and outcomes, finance, reimbursement and the laws and regulations governing the healthcare industry. These skills prepare students to be effective entry level leaders in a variety of health care organizations.



(L-R) Pam Paustian, Josh Hester and Dean Harold Jones

The program is designed around two types of students: committed health care professionals who are Associate degree prepared and traditional students interested in a foundation in health care management. Depending on a student's area of interest and program track selection, the undergraduate HCM degree becomes the terminal degree for some individuals and for others prepares students for entry to graduate or professional degree programs.

The program provides students with flexible scheduling options, both online and on campus. An overview of our professional curriculum, program information, track options, and course descriptions can be accessed on our website at <http://www.uab.edu/hcm>.

## RECENT HCM AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

**HCM alumnus**, Josh Hester is the winner of the School of Health Professions 2015 Young Alumni Achievement Award.

HCM graduate, Travis Scott Tidwell was awarded the UAB 2015 Thompson T. Abercrombie Distinguished Undergraduate, Clinical Manager Award at the 40th Annual UAB Honors Convocation.

Kevin R. McIntyre won **third place** in the undergraduate category for the **Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition** in Healthcare Management. Kevin is in the Healthcare Management Program. He and Dr. Pam Paustian will be on hand at ACHE to receive the award during the Leon I. Gintzj Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon on Wednesday, March 16th.

## PH.D. IN ADMINISTRATION-HEALTH SERVICES 2014 AND 2015 COHORTS



**Randy Cochran** is a native of LaGrange, GA. Randy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Mercer University and a Master's in Public Administration with a health policy/administration focus at The University of Georgia. Her interests include quality improvement in healthcare; minority health outcomes; and possible policy interventions for mental illnesses,

particularly autism. She also hopes to continue research on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and its effect on reducing racial and ethnic disparities that exist in access to healthcare resources.

**Ronique Evans** is a native of Birmingham, AL. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, AL and a Master of Public Health from Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. Ronique's interests include health policy, health services, and health disparities. Her career goal is to become a public health professional who promotes healthy lifestyles, policies, and environments within a healthcare system. Attainment of this goal will aid in decreasing disparities related to access and quality and promoting policies that are conducive to health equality.



**Justin Lord** graduated from Jacksonville State University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance. He began his career as a financial analyst at Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC while pursuing his MBA. In 2010, Justin accepted the role of Finance Director for Sarrell Dental (Alabama) and Community Dental Cares (Texas). Currently, he oversees all financial and information technology related activities for twenty-six offices in

multiple states. While serving in this position, Sarrell Dental was featured on PBS's Frontline and Forbes.com as the national model for the delivery of oral healthcare.

**Katherine Meese** is currently the Manager of Global Education & Training at Houston Methodist Hospital, developing education and training programs for physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals from over forty-five countries and 100+ institutions annually. A native of Austin, TX, Katherine graduated with a degree in finance from Texas A&M University. Katherine joined the finance team for a large energy company, where she had the opportunity to work internationally and grew interested in global health. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Safe Mothers Safe Babies (SAFE).



Since the end of 2011, **Claudia Guerrazzi** has worked, first as Research Assistant, then as Junior Research Fellow, at CER GAS (Centre for Research on Health and Social Care Management), Bocconi University, Italy. She obtained a Master of Science in Economics and Management of Public Administration and International Institutions at Bocconi University in 2011. Her main research interests are related to ICT and

innovation in the public sector and, in particular, in health care, and to health care management. She has participated in research projects with a particular focus on the adoption of Electronic Health Records.



**Scott Young** currently teaches undergraduate classes at the Collat School of Business at UAB as an adjunct professor. He graduated from The University of Alabama with a B.A. in Communication and Information Sciences and graduated from UAB with a MBA. Prior to teaching at UAB, Scott owned a digital marketing firm in Birmingham where he worked with

clients in the financial and insurance industries. Scott also worked as a Public Affairs Specialist at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center before moving to Birmingham to attend UAB. He has interests in research as well as teaching at the college level again in the future.

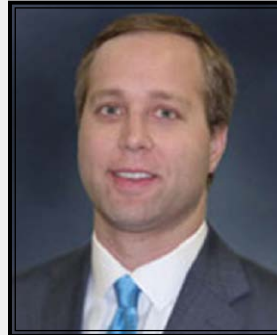


## PH.D. IN ADMINISTRATION-HEALTH SERVICES 2014 AND 2015 COHORTS



**Abdulaziz (Aziz) Almubarak, MD, Ph.D.**, is from Saudi Arabia. Dr. Almubarak graduated from medical school in 2011 and worked as a physician for two years before deciding to have a career in the public health/health administration field. His focus is primary healthcare and the ways we can improve the delivery of such services. Mr. Almubarak is also interested in improving health services delivery to rural areas and underserved communities. He is a recent graduate

of the UAB School of Public Health earning his MPH in Health Care Organization and Policy.



**Morgan Amos, MPA**, is from Birmingham and completed his undergraduate education at Auburn University and his Master of Public Administration at UAB. His primary role is to promote, coordinate, facilitate, and manage research projects and grants within the UAB Department of Radiology. Mr. Amos has ten years of administrative, clinical, and research experience in the healthcare field including grants management. He is responsible for strategic planning, analysis/forecasting/

budgeting, oversight, legal documentation, formal agreements, international and domestic projects, administration, and management.

**Seongwon "Sing" Choi, MBA**, is a graduate of UAB's MBA program with an emphasis on healthcare administration. Ms. Choi earned a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training from Oklahoma State University. While working as a healthcare consultant she has been involved in several public health and healthcare information technology projects in South Korea and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Her primary research interest is healthcare technology and its effect on healthcare access.



**Akbar Ghiasi, MHA**, is from Sarab, East Azerbaijan (Iran). Mr. Ghiasi earned his bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration from Tabriz University of Medical Sciences and a master's degree in Health Administration from Tehran University of Medical Sciences. He plans to be a researcher and faculty member in Health Services Administration and plans to share his knowledge with others. His research interests include health economics, payment methods, financing in health systems, program evaluation, and cost-effectiveness analysis.



**Shandra Pittet, AuD**, has an interest in strategic management and an objective of becoming an effective executive leader in healthcare. Before coming to UAB, she worked as a Doctor of Audiology at University of California San Francisco, performing sophisticated diagnostics, counseling and rehabilitation to patients with hearing and balance disorders. Pittet grew up in Seattle and attended Washington State University for her bachelor's degree and the University of Florida for her graduate degree.



**Neeraj Puro, MSHA, MSCP**, has a graduate degree in health systems management from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India. He received his Master's in Clinical Pharmacy from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies in India. Prior to his training in management, Puro worked as a hospital administrator in a Brownfield project at Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital. Puro's interest areas include costs incurred to provide healthcare services, quality of patient care, cost of medical services, and strategic healthcare management.

# EXECUTIVE DOCTORAL (DS<sub>c</sub>) CANDIDATES

## FALL 2014 AND 2015

	NAME & TITLE	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
	Keith Brady Principal, Senior Healthcare Consultant	Strategic Healthcare Management	Lakeside, California
	Tiffany Cabibbo Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer	Baptist Health Madisonville	Madisonville, Kentucky
	Rita DiLeo Professor	University of Scranton	Scranton, Pennsylvania
	Patrick Falvey Executive VP, Integration & Share Services	Aurora Health Care, Inc.	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	Charles Hagood Consultant	Clayton Advisors	Nashville, Tennessee
	Phillip Mazzuca Chief Operating Officer	IASIS Healthcare	Franklin, Tennessee
	Naof Saleem Al-Ansary Dir. Healthcare Management Program	The University of Dammam	Dammam, Saudi Arabia
	Preston Simmons Chief Executive Northwest Washington Region	Providence Health and Services	Renton, Washington
	Neil Thornbury Chief Operating Officer	T.J. Samson Regional Health, Inc.	Glasgow, Kentucky
	Khanhuyen Vinh Administrator	H. Vinh, MD. PA	Houston, Texas

	NAME & TITLE	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
	Francis Afram-Gyening President & CEO	Care Alliance Health Center	Cleveland, Ohio
	Dawn Ahner Executive VP & Chief Administrative Officer	Renown Health	Reno, Nevada
	Tim Attebery President and CEO	Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center	Kingsport, Tennessee
	Rita Croom Director	Center for Excellence in Healthcare Practice	Jackson, Tennessee
	Adres Frost-Jordan Chief Clinical Officer / Chief Operating Officer	Promise Hospital of Vicksburg, Inc.	Vicksburg, Mississippi
	Lee Hammonds Director of Operations	UAB Medicine Office of the Chief Medical Officer	Birmingham, Alabama
	Cesar Landeros CEO	Specialty Healthcare Management Group	Northridge, California
	Michael Malaise Senior VP of Communications & External Relations	Parkland Health and Hospital System	Dallas, Texas
	Michael Wiechart President & CEO	Capella Healthcare	Franklin, Tennessee
	Stephanie Woods Director TJC / Regulatory Compliance / Policies and Standards	UAB Hospital	Birmingham, Alabama



## SCHOLARSHIPS ASSIST IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

In 2014, Geelita Williams (Class 49) received the National Association of Healthcare Executives' Florence Gaynor Award, which recognizes outstanding achievements among female graduate students who are striving to become future leaders in Healthcare Management and NAHSE.

We are very fortunate to be able to award scholarships through the generous support of our alumni in the form of endowed scholarships. These awards enable the best students to attend the MSHA Program.

During academic years 2014-15 and 2015-16, the following scholarships were awarded:

- **Robert C. Chapman Endowed Scholarship:** Praneetha Elugunti, Kristina McKenna, Catharine Rushdi, Maegan Dempsey, Morgan Dennis, Sallie Handley, Festus Oguhebe
- **Health Services Administration Endowed Scholarship:** Keighley McConnell, Sarah Yeakel
- **25th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship:** Alison Allen, John Derksen, Kristina McKenna, Nisha Patel, Rory Anderson, Maegan Dempsey, Dawson Smith, Sarah Yeakel, Leslie Butts, Nicholas Colleran, Catharine Rushdi
- **Jon E. Vice Scholarship:** Sydney Cohen, Nisha Patel, Alison Allen, Donny Banerjee, Ashton Creel, Dawson Smith
- **Debbie and Jim Shmerling Endowed Scholarship:** Willis Masdon, Sallie Handley, Josh Williams, Sarah Yeakel
- **35th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship:** Chelsea Downs, Geelita Williams, Chapman Cook, Ashton Creel, Nathan Forbes, Chelsea Lynch
- **Richard Lind Endowed Scholarship:** Chapman Cook, Morgan Dennis, Elizabeth Lukens, Chelsea Lynch, Keighley McConnell, Gordon Evans, Justin Harris, Alyssa Hendry, Sarah Hughes, Hannah Norton, Daniel Reinman, Taylor Rudd, Catharine Rushdi
- **Michael Garrigan Endowed Scholarship:** Chapman Cook, Megan Garner, Sarah Haas, Sallie Handley, Ashley McGrane, Nate Mouser
- **Robert Zasa Endowed Scholarship:** Ana Crowell, Morgan Dennis
- **J. Kenneth Roan Endowed Scholarship:** Sydney Cohen, Sallie Handley, DeAngalo Nesby, Samantha Serley
- **Scott Braxton Ryland Endowed Scholarship:** Ana Crowell, John Derksen, Nisha Patel, Geelita Williams, Rory Anderson, Nathan Forbes, Cliff Goolsby, Sarah Haas
- **Jessica Grundt Stefaniak Endowed Scholarship:** Elizabeth Lukens, Keighley McConnell, Ana Crowell, DeAngalo Nesby
- **Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Williams Endowed Scholarship:** Willis Masdon, DeAngalo Nesby, Scharlene Powell, Maegan Dempsey
- **MSHA Class 33 Endowed Scholarship:** Samantha Serley, Sharon Tang, Hailee Willingham, Scharlene Powell, Tyler Shugarts, Josh Williams
- **AUPHA Foster McGaw Scholarship:** Sallie Handley



Geelita Williams

If you would like to learn more about how to create an endowed scholarship, then please contact **Katie Davidson Adams** (205.996.5469), or [katiedav@uab.edu](mailto:katiedav@uab.edu)

## CLASS 49 DRIVING THE DISTANCE FOR GLENWOOD

The 9th Annual MSHA Classic, supported by Class 49 and the Alumni Association of the Graduate Programs in Health Administration, proved to be successful through the hard work and perseverance of the MSHA Classic officers and classmates! The golf tournament generated over \$22,000 towards the students' professional development scholarship fund, which reimburses students for travel to meetings such as ACHE, HIMSS, MGMA, HFMA, and the National Symposium for Healthcare Executives. In addition, Class 49 donated a total of \$5,250 to Glenwood Autism and Behavioral Health Center - the most donated to an organization since the MSHA Classic started.

Once again the first place team from the MSHA Classic earned a spot to compete in the Acura College Alumni Team Championship held at Pinehurst Resort, featuring 60 Division I Universities. What was even more exciting this year is that the UAB MSHA Classic team won the Gross Division and were declared the Champions. Pictured to the right are Logan Young, Kyle Rice, Jake Lambert and Taylor Domer.

We are extremely grateful to our generous sponsors and participants which included:

**Gold Sponsors:** BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama

**Silver Sponsors:** UABHS and UAB Hospital, Brookwood Medical Center / Tenet, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Kenneth Guillot

**Team Sponsors:** Journey Hospice, David Harris, The Diamond Dealer, Emory Clinics

**Partner Sponsors:** Children's of Alabama, Cerner, Medical Properties Trust, Alabama Healthcare Executives Forum, Maynard Cooper & Gale, PC

**Tee Sponsors:** Callahan Eye Hospital, Cardiovascular Associates of Mobile, Phoebe Putney Hospital, Trinity Medical Center

**Donations:** Jose Quintana, Steve and Randa Hall, Stephen O'Connor, Howard Houser, St. Martin's in the Pines, Morgan Broussard, Al Desforges



Presenting a check to Glenwood



9th Annual MSHA Golf Classic Winners

## CLASS 50 SETS A NEW STANDARD FOR GIVING

The 10th annual MSHA Golf Classic, hosted by the MSHA Class 50, saw more than 60 golfers play the four-person scramble at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail - Oxmoor Valley Golf Course this year. In addition to providing support for a scholarship fund for students attending professional development conferences, a total of \$10,000 was donated to M-Power Ministries, a faith-based social services agency here in Birmingham. The amounts contributed to each class' philanthropy organization have been increasing, but this doubles the largest amount ever contributed to an organization.

Journey Hospice won the MSHA Classic for the third year in a row and will continue to play in the Acura College Alumni Team Championship which will be played at the legendary Pinehurst Resort, host of the 2015 U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open Championships. The MSHA Classic would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors who are listed below.

**Gold Sponsor:** BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama, Tampa General Hospital, Community Hospital Corporation

**Silver Sponsors:** UABHS and UAB Hospital, Medical Properties Trust, Ascension Health, Jon Vice

**Partner Sponsors:** Vance Chunn, UAB National Alumni Society, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Alabama Healthcare Executives Forum, Cigna Healthspring, UF Health

**Tee Sponsor:** Children's of Alabama

**Donations:** Robert Chapman, Baptist Health System, Jose Quintana, Ph.D., Steve and Randa Hall, Stephen O'Connor, Ph.D., Howard Houser, Ph.D., Amy Landry, Ph.D., Christy Lemak, Ph.D., Wendy Myhan, Michael and Karen Buckreus



10th Annual MSHA Golf Classic Winners



Presenting a check to M-Power Ministries



## ADMINISTRATIVE RESIDENCY PLACEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL MSHA CLASS 49

CLASS MEMBER	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	* PRECEPTOR
Logan Austin	Community Health Systems	Mooreville, NC	Steve Midkiff
Greg Beliles	Mayo Clinic	Scottsdale, AZ	Sean Glenn
Morgan Broussard	Huntsville Hospital	Huntsville, AL	Jeff Sams
Leslie Butts	HealthONE - The Medical Center for Aurora	Aurora, CO	* Ryan Simpson
Samantha Ing Carraway	KentuckyOne	Louisville, KY	* Charlie Powell
Nicholas Colleran	Signature Health	Brockton, MA	* Kim Hollon
Allan Crockett	Novant Health	Winston-Salem, NC	* Jeff Lindsay
Julian Cunningham	University of Kentucky	Lexington, KY	* Justin Campbell
Sydney Davis	Baylor Scott and White Health	Dallas, TX	* John McWhorter and Scott Peek
Chelsea Downs	PricewaterhouseCoopers	Atlanta, GA	Ginger Pilgrim
Gordon Evans	Geisinger Health System	Danville, PA	Tom Sokola
Lauren Gilley	Ochsner Health System	New Orleans, LA	Michael Hulefeld
Kendall Guillot	PricewaterhouseCoopers	Dallas, TX	Ginger Pilgrim
Justin Harris	Community Health Systems	Louisa, KY	Greg Kiser
Alyssa Hendry	St. Joseph Health System	Sonoma, CA	David, Ziolkowski
Sarah Hughes	Dixon Hughes Goodman	Nashville, TN	Kevin Locke
M. Lauren Jones	Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center	Baton Rouge, LA	Coletta Barrett
Nikita Maladkar	PricewaterhouseCoopers	Chicago, IL	Ginger Pilgrim
Hannah Norton	Emory Healthcare	Atlanta, GA	Susan Grant
Roshni Panchal	Tenet Healthcare	Fountain Valley, CA	Joseph Badalian
Lauren Poist	Ochsner Health System	New Orleans, LA	Michael Hulefeld
Daniel Reinman	Parallon Business Performance Group	Jacksonville, FL	Marsha Peterson
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(L-R) Thad and Bonnie Phillips and Howard Holcombe at the Mobile event.



Matt and Benton Cybulsky, Barrie Arnold, Kyle Bremer, Jim Bush, and Liz Meador at the Mobile event.



Alumni from the Mobile area gathered at Felix's Fish Camp.





Elizabeth Wood Sanders and Meggan Crunkleton at the Huntsville event.



Alumni Gathering at the Bottle in Huntsville.



Peter L. Slavin, MD, CEO of Massachusetts General Hospital, made time to speak to Residential and Executive MSHA students while giving the 2015 Leadership in Academic Medicine Lecture, sponsored by UAB Medicine.



Katie Carpenter, Drew Davenport and Morgan Broussard at the Huntsville event.



# HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY (HQS) PROGRAM

We have a new offering within the Department – the graduate program in Healthcare Quality and Safety (HQS) which helps prepare healthcare leaders to meet the growing demand to improve quality and safety outcomes. We offer our students a competitive advantage for the quality-driven, efficiency-minded, high-reliability environment ahead.

This 100% online educational preparation is offered in two ways:

- Online Graduate Certificate, and
- Online Master's of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety.

UAB's Graduate Certificate lays the foundation in the quality and safety principles, and it also gives students the opportunity to complete a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt course and exam. The Graduate Certificate is comprised of four courses and those courses can be applied to the Master's program. The Master's program is tailored to fit the busy lifestyle of healthcare leaders; students can complete the 11 course program at their own pace.

We cultivate an interactive interdisciplinary online learning environment utilizing faculty and student personal experiences to provide practical insights, critique and feedback enhancing the educational experience. Graduate education in this field is relatively new and UAB is the only university in the south to offer graduate education in healthcare quality and safety.

Our HQS website provides more details on each option.

Visit: [www.uab.edu/hqs](http://www.uab.edu/hqs)

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Graduating Members of the HQS Certificate Program (December 2015)



Team from Quality Academy



## 25 YEARS OF THE MSHI PROGRAM



Matt Wilson (HCM and MSHI graduate) speaks to undergraduate students during a recent Blazer Breakfast.

Having admitted its first class in 1991, the MSHI Program is excited to be celebrating its 25 year anniversary in 2016. During that time, the program has made great strides and now boasts over 400 graduates. Recent highlights include the addition of two new “tracks” or concentrations in Healthcare Data Analytics and Healthcare User Experience. This fall, we will launch a new Graduate Certificate in Clinical Informatics, aimed primarily at physicians who would like to round out their informatics expertise. All courses in the new certificate count toward the full Master of Science in Health Informatics degree, if anyone decides to pursue further informatics training.

In the spring of 2015, the BS in Health Information Management (HIM) graduated its last cohort of students. While this marked the end of an era, we are pleased to say it also opened up a lot of opportunities for our department. In June, the HIM faculty officially joined the Informatics faculty, nearly doubling our size and capacity to offer graduate level, HIM-focused curricular offerings. We consider the collaboration of the HIM & HI faculty one of our program’s biggest strengths.

We always enjoy hearing from our alumni, so if you have news or ideas to share, please contact us! Amanda Dorsey, current Program Director, can be reached at 205-975-9895 or [adorsey@uab.edu](mailto:adorsey@uab.edu).

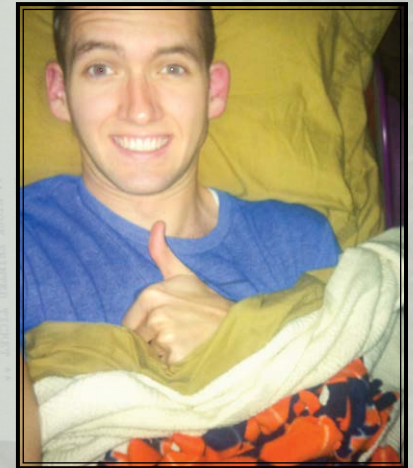
## SALT LAKE CITY TO BIRMINGHAM

Every year we have candidates from around the country travel to Birmingham to interview for our MSHA Program's incoming class. For some it is a quick drive, for others a flight or two. For Matt Bonner, it was all of the above. Matt, now a member of Class 51, traveled from Salt Lake City to Birmingham via several planes, a train, a bus, and a car during January 2015.

With snow across the country, Matt had some bad luck with air travel. His flight from SLC to Chicago was cancelled, leaving him to travel to Denver then to Atlanta arriving at 1 o'clock in the morning. Next was the 2 hour, 15 minute drive to Birmingham. But unfortunately, Matt was not old enough to rent a car himself.



So at 3:30 A.M. and in a suit, Matt went for the last hail-Mary attempt at getting to Birmingham. He took MARTA, Atlanta's train system, from the airport into town to catch the 6 A. M. Greyhound bus over to the next state.



The Greyhound bus arrived in Birmingham a few hours later, just thirty minutes before his interview for the program. With a duffle bag and a suit, Matt took off for the 16 block jog to the School of Health Professions building at UAB. His luck turned up when Don, the person he was going to couch surf with had he made it into Birmingham the night before, picked him up in a car and drove him to school.

Matt made it to his interview with three minutes to spare (and on no sleep). There are many reasons Matt was accepted into this program, and his tenacious ability to persevere was one of them. Indeed, this is a great interview adventure story for the books as we celebrate over 50 years of this excellent program.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN 2016:

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| MARCH 15:        | ACHE Networking Reception<br>(Swissotel Chicago - Edelweiss Penthouse, Chicago, IL) |
| APRIL 8-9:       | 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend  |
| APRIL 21:        | 11th MSHA Classic (Ballantrae Golf Club, Birmingham, AL)                            |
| JULY 26-29:      | 36th National Symposium for Healthcare Executives<br>(Sandestin, FL)                |
| SEPTEMBER 14-16: | Annual Preceptor's Conference   |



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National Institutes of Health,  
Bethesda, MD

## IN MEMORIAM

**(6) Lamar Brooks**

Passed away on December 16, 2014.

**(7) Albert Harris**

Passed away on August 1, 2010.

**(8) Jerry Cotton**

Passed away on September 13, 2013.

**(22) Oliver Walker**

Passed away on April 25, 2014 after serving in a  
number of leadership positions within the long-  
term care continuum.

**(40) Kelly Miller**

Passed away on November 29, 2014 at the very  
young age of 32 years old. She worked at Lattimore  
Black Morgan & Cain in Brentwood, TN.

## RETIREMENTS

**(4) Ken Hermann**

Retired in 2014.

**(5) Russ Holtz**

Former, Executive Director, Lincoln Park  
Manor, retired December 2014.

**(12) Brenita Crawford, DHA**

Retired after serving 30 years as a senior  
healthcare executive in a variety of settings and  
as a faculty member at the University of Memphis  
from 2007-2012.

## HONORS AND RECOGNITION

**(11) Jim Decker, DHA, CEO of MEDIC Regional Blood Center, Knoxville, TN**  
completed his doctorate degree in Health Administration from the Medical University  
of South Carolina.

**(14) Michael Williams, President and CEO of Community Hospital Corporation, Plano, TX**  
was honored as the recipient of the 2014 Earl M. Collier Award for Distinguished Health Care  
Administration, the Texas Hospital Association's highest honor.

**(17) Chuck Stokes, System COO of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, Houston, TX**  
currently serves on the American College of Healthcare Executives' Board of Governors and is  
the Chair-elect of ACHE, the international professional society of 40,000 healthcare executives  
who lead hospitals, healthcare systems, and other healthcare organizations.

**(18) Tom Miller, CEO of Quorum Health Corporation, Franklin, TN**  
currently serves on the American Hospital Association's AHA Board of Trustees. The AHA is  
a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations that are committed to health  
improvement in their communities and is the national advocate for its members, which include  
more than 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, and other providers of care.

**(38) Evan Ray, President of St. Vincent's Birmingham and St. Vincent's Chilton in the St. Vincent Health System, Birmingham, AL** was selected as one of the Birmingham Business  
Journal's "Top 40 Under 40" Class of 2016

**(39) Melissa Mancini, Director of Strategy and Business Development at UAB Health System, Birmingham, AL** was selected as one of Birmingham Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40" Class of 2016.

**(43) Sarah Nunnally, COO at Princeton Baptist Medical Center, Birmingham, AL**  
was selected as the School of Health Professions' Inaugural Young Alumni Achievement Award in 2014.



— 50th ANNIVERSARY —

*Celebration*  
**WEEKEND**

Friday, April 8th  
Class Reunions

Saturday, April 9th

**DAYTIME**  
School of Health Professions  
Building and Campus Tours

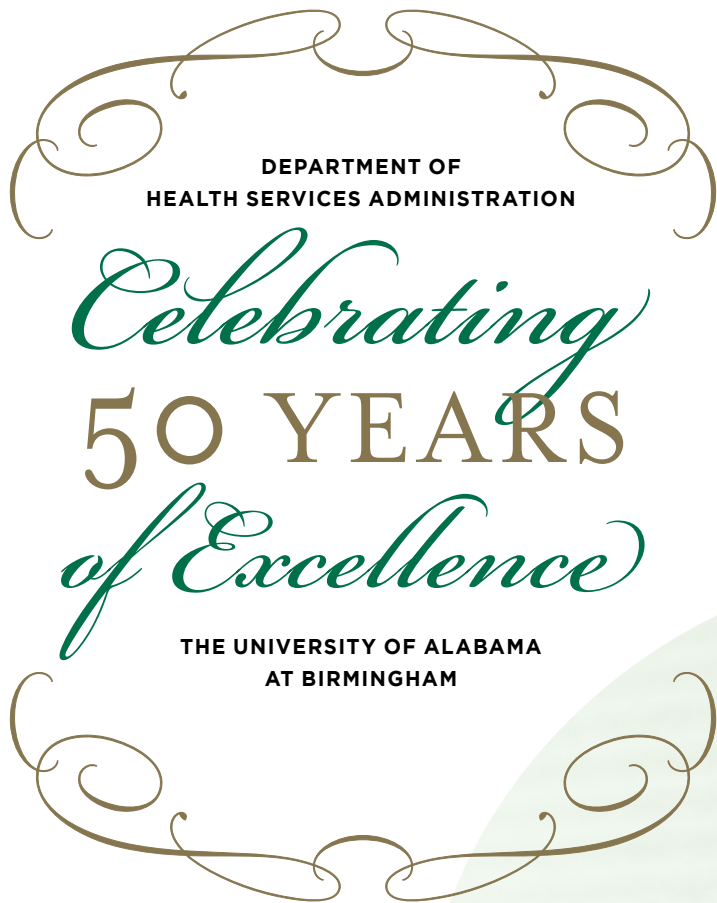
**EVENING**  
50th Anniversary Gala  
The Club  
Black Tie Optional. Tickets Required.

For Event Schedule, Details  
and Ticket Information:

[www.uab.edu/hsa50](http://www.uab.edu/hsa50)

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Kindly register by March 18th.



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