INTRODUCING THE COLLAT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
PATSY AND CHARLES COLLAT MAKE GENEROUS LEAD GIFT TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR UAB
WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN FOR UAB and the possibilities that lie ahead. If the past few months are any indication, there is no doubt we will reach our goal with your help. You are truly embodying our theme—Give Something, Change Everything—and we are eternally grateful for your support.

We would like to thank everyone who has already joined us in The Campaign for UAB. Together we have raised more than $473,409,490 to date, with 70,968 donors contributing. Since the kick-off of the public phase in October, we have raised approximately $50 million. We also are rolling out our faculty/staff campaigns. Our goal for this portion of the campaign is $35 million of which we have already raised $25 million. (See “Leading by Example” on page 15.)

We are thrilled to share with you some of the exciting things that are happening at the university. These accomplishments are changing not only UAB but also our city and state. That is why we chose to get in the game with this incredible opportunity to be a part of something that truly has the ability to transform lives, our city, our state, and the world! From a first-ever school naming to state-of-the-art building renovations to investments in cutting-edge research and equipment to scholarships for deserving students to recruiting world-class faculty, this campaign is large not only in its goal but also in all the areas it will touch. Your generosity is supporting our $1 billion goal and helping us transform lives at UAB, in the state of Alabama, and beyond. We hope to be sharing stories about all of you soon!

Sincerely,
Theresa Bruno, Johnny Johns, and Mike Warren

THE CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

- Fostering Research, Innovation, and Economic Development through research acceleration and drug discovery, innovation, and economic enrichment;
- Advancing Faculty Excellence with a focus on recruitment and retention, and a goal of doubling endowed chairs and professorships;
- Enriching the Student Experience by increasing the number of endowed scholarships and fellowships, improving technology, providing study-abroad opportunities, and exposing students to multidisciplinary learning and a new world of discovery;
- Developing Programmatic Support for local, national, and international service to communities with a focus on patient care and the transformational experience of the arts;
- Enhancing Facilities to advance learning in state-of-the-art academic and student buildings in a campus environment that inspires scholarship, research, patient care, and community enrichment.
THE UAB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HAS A NEW NAME. In recognition of Patsy and Charles Collat and their $25 million in gifts and pledges, it is now the Charles and Patsy Collat School of Business, making it the first school at UAB to carry the name of a benefactor.

The naming was made as the university prepared to publicly launch The Campaign for UAB: Give Something, Change Everything, its most ambitious fund-raising campaign to date, with the Collat donation as the lead gift. Charles Collat, former CEO of Mayer Electric Supply Company Inc., one of Birmingham’s largest privately held companies, and his wife, Patsy, are longtime UAB supporters, and their collective gifts represent the largest philanthropic support from any individual to UAB.

Calling theirs a “transformational gift,” UAB President Ray L. Watts says, “We are so proud that our business school will bear the Collat name. Charles and Patsy have set a tremendous example for others who want to see UAB faculty, staff, and students continue to bring recognition to our city and state through outstanding education, patient care, research, and service. This is just the beginning.”

Shirley Salloway Kahn, Ph.D., vice president for development, alumni, and external relations, noted that the Collats’ support during the last three decades “has helped UAB grow into the dynamic institution it is today, and their generous gift and confidence in our ambitious plans come at a crucial time in our growth strategy. The naming of the school in their honor is so fitting, as they have been so faithful to UAB and the School of Business with their service and support throughout the years.”

The Collats’ gift will establish an endowment, the earnings from which are to provide vital funding for scholarships and support for programs throughout the school, such as industrial distribution and entrepreneurship, that will enhance student experiential learning opportunities.

“We are so grateful for the Collats’ continuing support for our school, and we will carry our new name with tremendous pride,” says Eric Jack, Ph.D., dean of the school. “This generous gift will enable us to grow in our targeted areas of strategic excellence, and it will have a transformational impact on the lives of thousands of students. It also will raise our profile as one of the

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premier business schools in the Southeast, and this will benefit our beloved city and state for years to come.”

The Collats have invested corporate and personal support in UAB for many years. They endowed the first nonmedical academic chair at UAB—the Ben S. Weil Chair of Industrial Distribution, which was named in honor of Mrs. Collat’s father, who founded Mayer Electric. Their support through the Charles and Patsy Collat Industrial Distribution (ID) Program enabled UAB to become one of the country’s few degree-granting ID programs in accredited schools of business and engineering.

They made the lead gift to establish the Charles A. and Patsy W. Collat Endowed Chair in Neurosurgery, and they created the Patsy W. and Charles A. Collat Endowed Professorship in Neuroscience at UAB. Their gifts also have benefited UAB Athletics, the UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care, AIDS research, surgery, ophthalmologic and cancer research, and the schools of Education, Engineering, and Medicine.

Even with their history of generous giving, the reach of this gift is particularly special. “I am so absolutely excited to be in a position with Patsy to make something like this happen that reaches into every program in the School of Business,” Collat says. “I am also terribly humbled. Being able to support an institution like UAB that plays such an important part in so many lives is something I wouldn’t have imagined in my wildest dreams. What this means to me cannot be measured or described.”

In addition to the Collats’ financial contributions, UAB has benefited from Mr. Collat’s service in a number of appointments. He is a past chair of the President’s Council, honorary life member of the National Alumni Society, member of the President’s Leadership Cabinet for The Campaign for UAB, chair of the UAB Collat School of Business Dean’s Advisory Board, and former member of the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Supporters Board. In 2009, UAB presented him an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

The UAB Collat School of Business unveiled a new sign at a celebration in November. During this event, students and faculty had the opportunity to meet Charles Collat and personally convey what his gift means to them and to the future of the business school.

“The Collat name represents leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship in business,” Jack adds. “It also symbolizes a family that stands out as one that gives back to the community. We want every student in the Collat School of Business to follow this example and to graduate with the high charge of not only changing the world, but also giving back to it.”
ANONYMOUS GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Donors Can Give Quietly and Still Change Everything

DONORS WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS are no less appreciated. A gift without a name attached to it can be as impactful as any other gift, and UAB has benefited from many such gifts, using the funds to positively transform lives. Here are just a few examples that will have a tremendous impact in research, student enrichment, and economic development.

The Department of Psychiatry has benefited from a $2.5-million gift for mood disorders research and to establish an endowed faculty position within the department. An endowed professorship has been established as an intermediate step to an endowed chair.

Neurofibromatosis (NF) research was given a boost by a $2.5-million gift to expand and accelerate efforts aimed at new treatments and cures for NF. This could include recruiting and/or retaining scientists, bolstering significant translational research initiatives, or the establishment of endowments to support recruitment and research efforts.

A $1.5-million gift in the basic sciences established an endowed chair in neuroimmunology. This gift will help to expand research through strategic recruitments and retentions. It will provide the opportunity to rapidly achieve national and international prominence in this key scientific area and accelerate new treatments for neuroimmunological diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, chronic polyneuropathies, Lambert-Eaton syndrome, myasthenia gravis, inflammatory myopathy, and paraneoplastic neurological conditions.

An estate gift of more than $1.1 million ($500,000 of which was used to create an endowment to continue the purpose) created scholarships and fellowships for residents of the state of Alabama and helps support medical research and study in the School of Medicine. This supports the School of Medicine’s Dean’s Scholarship Program.

A gift contributed to the School of Engineering honors Leah McCraney, former program manager for the Advanced Safety Engineering and Management (ASEM) program. It is used to assist deserving students enrolled in the study of ASEM at UAB.

ADVANCED RENOVATION

Gift from Oral Arts Dental Laboratories Sparks Third-Floor Student Lab Update

ALABAMA-BASED ORAL ARTS DENTAL LABORATORIES’ long-standing relationship with the UAB School of Dentistry (SOD) began in the late 1970s. For more than 25 years, Thomas Winstead, president and CEO of Oral Arts, has been a supporter of the school. His son Matt, the company’s vice president, plans to continue that beneficial partnership. “We’re very happy that we’ve had an uninterrupted relationship with the UAB SOD for so long,” he says. “We have become a better company through working with the school’s top-notch professors and clinicians.”

Oral Arts, on numerous occasions, has donated special equipment to the SOD and helped arrange important educational events that benefit both students and alumni. Last year, Michael Reddy, D.M.D., dean of the school, contacted the company to see if there was interest in a naming opportunity to fund renovations for the third-floor student laboratory, complementing the funds the school has received through the class-reunion giving program.

“Since we are a dental lab, it seemed like a good fit to have our name on the school’s lab,” Matt Winstead says. “It also was a good fit because Dr. Reddy recognizes that the future of dentistry lies in technology. Oral Arts understands that, too, and we have completely transformed our entire production operation to digital technology, which is what Dr. Reddy envisioned for the new lab facility. We wanted to be a part of that.”

The digital equipment the company has donated to the new Oral Arts Laboratory will provide students with access to the latest dental technology. Winstead adds, “Dr. Reddy wants students to grasp the fundamentals of the newest technology that’s available—technology that many other schools don’t have access to—and be able to use it in their future practices.”
NEW LEASE ON LIFE
Gifts to UAB’s Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Clinic Enhance Patient Care Experience

IN MARCH 2012, the new 11,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art UAB Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Clinic opened its doors. More than 10,000 kidney and pancreas transplant patients visit the clinic each year, and UAB performs 250 to 300 transplants per year, making it one of the top three largest kidney and pancreas transplant programs in the country.

Generous gifts from a number of donors have helped to enhance the patient experience at the UAB Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Clinic. According to Robert S. Gaston, M.D., medical director of kidney and pancreas transplant at UAB and co-director of UAB’s Comprehensive Transplant Institute (CTI), “the gifts given by patients, families, and physicians alike have made the facility friendlier and impart a sense of the incredible tradition of transplantation at UAB. Seeing the plaques with the names of so many grateful patients who have benefited from the care and knowledge they received in our programs must be comforting to those facing these same challenges for the first time.”

Most donors were motivated to give because of the quality of care they received as transplant patients at UAB. Such was the case for New Orleans attorneys Robert M. Becnel and his wife, Diane K. Zink. “In September 1991, I drove over to Birmingham,” Becnel says. “A couple of days later I had kidney transplant surgery, and it was just a phenomenal experience. I was up and walking again shortly after the surgery, and I was out of the hospital in just a couple of days. I spent some time hanging around and exploring Birmingham, and that’s when I became interested in UAB.”

During this time, Becnel was introduced to Arnold G. Dietheim, M.D., who served as chairman of the UAB Department of Surgery from 1982 to 1999 and was instrumental in developing UAB’s internationally recognized transplantation program. The two remained friends after Becnel’s successful transplant surgery, and when the time came to form a patient advisory committee to consult on the design of the new clinic, Becnel was asked to be on the committee. “My wife and I decided to give to the reception area at the new clinic,” Becnel says. “It’s the first area that patients encounter, and we want to help them to have as comfortable an experience as possible.”

A group of former UAB transplant nephrology fellows and current faculty members banded together to make a gift to name two outpatient treatment rooms at the new clinic in honor of two of UAB’s most distinguished transplant nephrologists: Bruce A. Julian, M.D., professor emeritus in medicine and surgery, who joined the UAB faculty in 1964, and John J. Curtis, M.D., professor emeritus in nephrology, who instituted UAB’s transplant nephrology training program in 1968. The gift highlights a key advantage of the new clinic, which features treatment rooms for outpatient procedures that previously might have required hospital admission.

According to Roslyn B. Mannon, M.D., director of research for CTI, the naming of the treatment rooms is an apt tribute to the legacies of Drs. Julian and Curtis. “Dr. Curtis made outstanding contributions in the field of transplant nephrology and mentored a significant number of highly successful physicians who have gone on to direct transplant programs or are internationally recognized leaders in transplantation. Dr. Julian has trained many nephrology fellows over the course of his years at UAB and is someone I continue to look up to in terms of being the ‘triple threat’—clinician, scientist, and educator. He sets an incredibly positive example to trainees and junior faculty.”

Gaston says philanthropy was key to making the new Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Clinic the patient-centered experience it is today. “Though UAB will always be committed to providing state-of-the-art transplant services regardless, philanthropy not only has made the clinic more aesthetically pleasing, but also has enabled recruiting and retention of top-notch physicians now working here. For the future, gifts have facilitated training of new transplant physicians and surgeons, and funded four key research projects that may translate into better clinical care for our patients.”

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The family of James Henry Emack wanted to honor his memory and help make the patient experience at the clinic as pleasant as possible, so they donated a painting by Birmingham artist Barbara Evans, the acquisition of which was facilitated by Little House Gallery, which has represented Evans since 1960. The large-scale, abstract painting is now prominently displayed in the reception area of the new clinic.

“The work is titled ‘Clearing the Morning,’” and we think it not only represents Daddy’s sunny, charming spirit but also is fitting for the kind of optimism and peace we hope it brings everyone who views it.” The Emack family previously made a generous gift to sustain and advance the research efforts of the UAB Division of Transplantation Surgery in honor of Mr. Emack.
A GIFT FROM (AND FOR) THE HEART

United Therapeutics Corporation Gives to Establish an Endowed Professorship in Pulmonary Vascular Disease

UNITED THERAPEUTICS CORPORATION has given a generous gift to establish an endowed professorship in the UAB Division of Cardiovascular Disease. The United Therapeutics Endowed Professorship in Pulmonary Vascular Disease will assist UAB in recruiting a senior scientist to further expand the university’s research efforts in pulmonary hypertension and related conditions.

Sumanth D. Prabhu, M.D., director of the Division of Cardiovascular Disease, says the endowed professorship will help streamline the division’s efforts to develop therapies that help patients live longer, healthier lives. “The pulmonary hypertension program in the UAB Division of Cardiovascular Disease has been at the national forefront for many years,” he says. “This endowed professorship will allow us to bring a leader here that can integrate clinical and research efforts related to pulmonary hypertension across disciplines (bringing together cardiology, pulmonary, vascular biology, immunology, and lung transplantation, for example) that will ultimately provide the greatest benefit to our patients afflicted with the disease. We are deeply grateful to United Therapeutics Corporation for establishing this endowed professorship.”

REVITALIZING RESIDENTS

Robert Weil Creates Professorship for Montgomery Residency Program

THE MONTGOMERY INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM ENDOWED SUPPORT FUND, established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Weil several years ago, has been supported by many donors over the years and has become a vital part of the overall success of residency training in the Montgomery area. Now Mr. Weil has given an additional personal gift to create an endowed professorship.

The Virginia Loeb Weil Endowed Professorship in Medical Education is named in memory of Mrs. Weil and in grateful recognition of the tremendous care she received from Wickliffe J. Many Jr., M.D., former program director of the UAB Montgomery Internal Medicine Residency Program and dean of the School of Medicine Montgomery Campus. The funds will be used to recruit and/or retain outstanding medical education faculty to oversee resident education and to support the residency program and its mission to provide its residents with the tools necessary to expand their medical knowledge, attain clinical skills and judgment, and acquire ethical and compassionate behavior, and to instill in those students a commitment to the care and service of the patients they serve.

Mr. Weil is well known for his interest in and support of education, and particularly for his leadership in the study and long-range planning for improvement of the public education system. His love of the arts has been expressed through his involvement in the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Art Incorporated, Hood Museum of Dartmouth College, and the Montgomery, Alabama, and Boston, Massachusetts, symphony orchestras.

“It is indeed a humble honor and privilege to be the first recipient of the Virginia Loeb Weil Professor of Medical Education,” Many says. “Mrs. Weil was a remarkable individual with altruism and concern for the welfare of others central to her purpose in life. Her legacy and that of Mr. Weil to the future of medical education and the delivery of quality health care to our community and the state of Alabama will endure through the graduates of our medical school campus and residency program.”

According to Robert C. Bourge, M.D., a specialist in pulmonary hypertension in the Division of Cardiovascular Disease, “the UAB Pulmonary Vascular Disease Clinic was formed in 1986—the first in the southeastern United States—and remains one of the largest such clinics in the world. The United Therapeutics Endowed Professorship, made possible through a gift from a great friend of our program, will allow us to continue to grow our very important research program in pulmonary arterial hypertension and improve the quality of life and life span of our patients.”

Founded in 1996 by its chairman and chief executive officer, Martine A. Rothblatt, Ph.D., United Therapeutics Corporation has been a leader in the development of unique analogs of natural molecules for cardiopulmonary disorders, novel monoclonal antibodies for certain cancers, small glycobiotics for infectious diseases, and teleremedical services for astronauts on the International Space Station.
LEADING THE WAY

Women's Leadership Council Supports UAB Neurosurgery Resident Research

FOUNDED IN 2010, THE NEUROSURGERY WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (WLC) serves as a catalyst for support of the Department of Neurosurgery through fund-raising and advocacy efforts. WLC members include grateful patients and family members of patients whose lives have been touched by UAB Neurosurgery. WLC President Jacquelyn S. Shaia, J.D., Ph.D., leads the 42-member council, which seeks to secure philanthropic gifts to fund the Neurosurgery Clinical Research Scholars Program with a current-use goal of $375,000 each year and an endowment goal of $7.5 million. The WLC funds a named Clinical Research Scholar with a portion of annual dues, and has helped to secure more than $500,000 in additional commitments.

"The Women's Leadership Council provides an invaluable link for our program to the community," says James M. Markert, M.D., M.P.H., chair of the Department of Neurosurgery. "Their support helps generate critical resources for our residents, who spend a significant part of their training focused on research. They also help raise awareness of what UAB Neurosurgery can offer patients facing serious, life-limiting conditions, and we are deeply grateful for their efforts."

CONTINUING ITS IMPRESSIVE HISTORY OF PHILANTHROPY, the Dove Family Foundation of Dothan has provided a generous gift to the UAB Comprehensive Diabetes Center (UCDC), where researchers and clinicians are involved in cutting-edge research into the causes and mechanisms of diabetes. The Dove Family Foundation is supporting UAB's innovative efforts to find a cure for type 1 diabetes.

"We are working very hard to develop novel and better therapies for diabetes and have identified a promising target in this regard," says Anath Shalev, M.D., director of the UCDC. "Based on these findings, we are now in the process of developing a new class of drugs that promotes the patient's own beta cell survival and insulin production."

Shalev says this new class of drugs not only could improve blood sugar control, but also reduce or eliminate the need for insulin injections, preventing related complications. This research is a major undertaking that includes the screening and analysis of 300,000 compounds.

"None of this would have been possible without the Dove Family Foundation's most recent gift as well as their past generous support of our efforts," Shalev says. "The Dove family is having a huge impact on the quest for a new, curative diabetes treatment."

"We have great confidence in the future of diabetes therapies due to the leadership of Dr. Shalev and her outstanding staff at the UAB Comprehensive Diabetes Center," says Reid Dove, who is also a founding member of the UAB Comprehensive Diabetes Center Community Advisory Board. Robin and Reid Dove have been devoted to funding research toward a cure since their son Hal was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in August 2006.

"We are delighted to play a role in this effort on behalf of all children and adults affected by type 1 diabetes," Dove continues. "It is our hope that this gift can help accelerate the real-world use and application of their research."
Fostering RESEARCH, INNOVATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A GIFT THAT EXPANDS KNOWLEDGE

The Johnson Family Invests in UAB Dystonia Research

THE FAMILY OF MR. JOEL E. JOHNSON SR. has committed a transformative gift of $1 million to expand and strengthen UAB’s dystonia research program. The Joel E. Johnson Sr. Research Acceleration Fund in Dystonia will support dystonia research in the Division of Movement Disorders, part of the Department of Neurology.

Joel Johnson Sr., who passed away at age 98 in 1997, was a 1921 graduate of The University of Alabama Law School. His father, J.J. Johnson, founded Citizen’s Bank in Geneva, Alabama, in 1901. J.J. Johnson, Joel Johnson, and his late son Joel Jr. operated the bank for more than 100 years until it merged with the Bank of the Ozarks in 2012. “The Johnsons were very civic-minded individuals, giving of their time and resources to the community,” says Neil Johnson, daughter-in-law of Mr. Johnson. “This gift will perpetuate their memory as civic, business, church, and philanthropic leaders.”

Dystonia is a neurologi- cal movement disorder in which sustained muscle contractions cause twisting and repetitive movements or abnormal postures. "Dystonia has several forms and may be hereditary or caused by factors such as physical trauma, infection, or reaction to a pharmaceutical,” says David G. Standaert, M.D., Ph.D., chair of the Department of Neurology. “However, most cases have no known cause. Treatment is difficult and has been limited to minimizing the symptoms. At present, there is no cure.” The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, for which Standaert has served as an advisor, estimates as many as 300,000 people in North America have dystonia. Standaert currently serves as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia and Parkinson Foundation. Because of the Johnson gift, UAB received a competitive grant from the Bachmann-Strauss Foundation, which created The Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia and Parkinson’s Disease Center for Excellence.

The gift will help UAB create a world-class research program in dystonia, which Standaert says will use an integrated team of clinicians and laboratory scientists to achieve the ultimate goal of creating disease-altering, neuro-protective and potentially neuro-restorative therapies. It also will aid in recruitment of pre- and postdoctoral researchers to UAB to train as the next generation of dystonia clinicians and scientists. In addition to providing clinical care and research support, the fund will help UAB recruit additional faculty researchers and clinicians who will focus on dystonia, pursuing promising, novel research projects and accelerating ongoing research projects aimed at developing new treatments and cures.

“It’s gratifying to know that the Joel E. Johnson Sr. Research Acceleration Fund in Dystonia will help bolster patient care, clinical research, and basic laboratory research in pursuit of new treatments—and ultimately a cure—for dystonia here in Alabama,” says Lesley Laird, granddaughter of Mr. Johnson.

DEDICATED TO FUNDING RESEARCH

BCRFA Makes Annual Gift to UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center

THE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF ALABAMA (BCRFA) is donating $500,000 this year to UAB for cancer research, bringing the foundation’s cumulative gifts to UAB to nearly $4.5 million since 1996.

Bruce Sokol became a co-founder of the BCRFA about a year after his wife, D.D., was diagnosed with breast cancer. He says his constellation about what to do led him toward raising money. And he did not have far to look to find an appropriate recipient. “Being in a community with UAB, and them being on the cutting edge of cancer research, it was a great fit,” he says.

BCRFA co-founder Dolly O’Neal was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1994. After surgery, she got the all-clear. When she and Sokol started the foundation, she says she wasn’t thinking of her own health. “We wanted to raise money for research, and my goal was to keep my daughter and her generation from going through this,” she says. O’Neal’s breast cancer came back in 2009, and her doctor at the Cancer Center, Andres Forero, M.D., treated her successfully using a new drug the center was testing. Her cancer came back again this past December, and O’Neal is being treated using another new drug the center is putting through a Phase 3 trial.

In both cases, money from the foundation helped fund the research. This support from the foundation—when divided up into smaller sums for investigators at the Cancer Center—allows those scientists to gather the data they need to give their funding proposals a better chance of success when they seek bigger grants from external sources. The foundation’s annual donation to UAB is funded with the proceeds from its fund-raising efforts during the previous year, including events, individual and community donations, and sales of specialty breast cancer license plates.
Friends and Family Honor Dr. William B. Deal with an Endowed Medical Scholarship

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Scholarship is a Gift to School of Nursing and Eileen Meyer

William B. Deal

NEWS OF THE SUDDEN PASSING of School of Medicine (SOM) Dean Emeritus William B. Deal, M.D., in March 2013 brought profound sadness to the UAB SOM community. Almost immediately, friends, family, and colleagues of his began searching for a way to memorialize his long service to and passion for patient care and medical education.

The William B. Deal, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship was established to support the training and education of future medical professionals; Lindsay Scott Moore, a third-year medical student from Columbus, Ohio, is the first recipient. “I decided to pursue a career in medicine because I felt it offered the best opportunity to help people, give back to the community, and do something I love every day,” Moore says. “I would like to someday be a part of Doctors Without Borders to serve those in countries less fortunate than our own. I appreciate the support from the Deal scholarship on my journey to become the first in my family to practice medicine.”

“The endowed scholarship bearing Will’s name is a fitting memorial to him,” says April Deal, Dr. Deal’s widow. “Because he was the beneficiary of a scholarship, his dream of becoming a physician and his visionary work in medical education was made possible. Will valued his time and career at UAB, and he would be pleased that this scholarship will support future medical leaders.”

As dean, Deal heartily embraced the challenge of promoting UAB’s position in national rankings by implementing the “Top 10 by 2010” initiative in the school, laying a foundation for future strategic plans that have been embraced by ensuing school leadership. Deal’s enthusiasm, candor, and vision attracted many of the country’s brightest minds to the school during his tenure, including current UAB President Ray L. Watts, M.D.

Deal was instrumental in making the Huntsville Regional Medical Campus an official branch campus of the UAB School of Medicine. And his efforts resulted in the establishment of a foreign exchange program with Chung Shan Medical University in Taiwan as well as the interdisciplinary Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at UAB, which has become a preeminent organization for age-related memory research in the United States. During his years of service, funding from the National Institutes of Health topped $200 million, and UAB’s research footprint grew through the construction of the Hugh Kaul Human Genetics Building and the Biomedical Research Building II.

“My hope is that this scholarship will be an investment in the lives of the recipients and those in their care,” April Deal says. “May the return on that investment produce for humanity highly skilled and caring physicians. It is a way to pay it forward.”

“Dr. Deal’s impact on the School of Medicine will be felt far into the future,” says Selwyn M. Vickers, M.D., senior vice president and dean of the School of Medicine. “His genuine passion for UAB and for the practice of medicine serves as an example both to school leadership and to the next generation of physicians. I can think of no greater tribute to his years of dedicated service than an endowed scholarship that opens doors and broadens horizons for young medical students.”

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A LASTING LEGACY
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SCHOOL OF NURSING BOARD OF VISITORS members Bruce Burns, M.D., and his wife, Eileen Meyer, C.R.N.P., recently established an endowed scholarship in the school. Burns is an internal medicine specialist working in the emergency room at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. Meyer is a nurse practitioner working in UAB cardiothoracic/vascular surgery.

For Meyer’s 40th birthday, Burns honored her service as a nurse by endowing a scholarship in her name at the UAB School of Nursing, where she earned her master’s degree and received her nurse practitioner education. The Eileen S. Meyer Endowed Nursing Scholarship is a testament to the shared commitment of this couple to the UAB School of Nursing, to the provision of quality nursing education, and to UAB.

“This is such a wonderful thing that Bruce did,” Meyer says. She is happy to know that deserving UAB nursing students will have a smoother financial journey because of this scholarship and that it is in the UAB School of Nursing.

Meyer began her UAB nursing career as a nurse practitioner for famed cardiac surgeon Al Pacifico, M.D., and has since worked with famed cardiac surgeon James Kirklin, M.D. “Eileen has that winning combination as a nurse,” Burns says. “She is intelligent and caring, very proactive on behalf of her patients.”

To present Meyer’s scholarship, Bruce hosted a surprise party at the Cahaba Grand. On hand to present the scholarship was her former boss, Dr. Pacifico. “It was a pretty magical evening,” Burns says.

“We are proud to call Eileen an outstanding alumna of the School of Nursing,” says Doreen Harper, Ph.D., dean of the School of Nursing. “Her leadership and advanced clinical nursing excellence have been recognized by legendary cardiovascular surgeons like Dr. Al Pacifico and Dr. Jim Kirklin. Eileen and Bruce are wonderful friends of the school and we are thrilled to have them on our Board of Visitors. They are an amazing team, and it is so fitting that Bruce chose to honor Eileen by establishing this scholarship. I am so very grateful to have shared this special evening with them.”

Bruce Burns and Eileen Meyer with Doreen and Bill Harper
VETTES-4-VETS
Veterans Organization Supports Military Students at UAB

In 2008, a group of Chevrolet Corvette owners and enthusiasts from Alabama formed Vettes-4-Vets, an organization dedicated to helping veterans in their time of need. The group assists selected nonprofit organizations that support veterans, current military personnel, and military family members, and now it has established an endowed award at UAB.

The Vettes-4-Vets Endowed Award will benefit current or former members of the United States military who enroll in degree-granting programs at UAB. This partnership between UAB and Vettes-4-Vets will provide educational and financial support to our military men and women and will be critical to their ability to achieve a higher education following their military careers.

Since its inception, Vettes-4-Vets has held a major fund-raiser each Memorial Day at the Talladega Super_speedway, where it has raised significant funds for veteran-related causes, including the Wounded Warriors Foundation, Lakeshore Lima Foxtrot Project, Three Hots and a Cot, SOS of Huntsville, and the Alabama War Dog Memorial Foundation.

Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Honored by Family

Scholarship Established in Conjunction with 50th Anniversary of the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement

Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., was a man who committed his life to advancing civil rights, and whose legacy will be passed on to future generations of medical students thanks to his widow, Willa Yvonne Echols Hamilton, and their children, Rachel Lorraine Hamilton Kersey, D.D.S.; Jacqueline Elaine Hamilton, M.D.; Herschell Lanier Hamilton, M.P.P.M.; Sharon Yvonne Hamilton Broach, J.D.; Cheryl Smith; and Verschell Long, R.N.

The family has established the Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship in the School of Medicine to honor the memory and lifelong work of the late physician, who actively practiced medicine for more than 40 years. The University of Alabama Health Services Foundation has matched these funds in appreciation for Dr. Hamilton’s contributions to the practice of medicine.

Known as the “Battle Surgeon” and the “Dog-Bite Doctor,” Hamilton provided free medical care, including surgery, to activists who were sick or injured during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. No patient was ever turned away from Hamilton’s office because of an inability to pay.

Hamilton earned a bachelor’s degree in biology in 1949 from Florida A&M University and a medical degree in 1954 from Meharry Medical College. He then completed a general surgery residency at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Hamilton came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He practiced at Community (formerly Holy Family), HealthSouth (formerly South Highland), University, and Princeton hospitals, and he was a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Hamilton won a place in the Birmingham civil rights history and was a key figure in the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Hamilton’s children and grandchildren have spoken about his role in the civil rights movement, and his legacy continues to inspire others to pursue careers in medicine. The Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship reflects Hamilton’s commitment to civil rights and his dedication to providing free medical care to those in need.

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THE COLLAT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS recently received a $125,000 gift from Amy and Duane Donner for its Healthcare Leadership Academy. Founded in 2009, the academy is a joint collaboration between the Collat School of Business and the School of Medicine, and it has helped the university retain promising health-focused faculty and staff. The academy’s mission is to identify and develop future leaders of the UAB academic medical center.

“This generous gift highlights the Donners’ continuing commitment to helping the Collat School of Business equip UAB’s health professionals with the highest-quality business training and the skills needed to lead in a turbulent health-care environment,” says Eric Jack, Ph.D., dean of the Collat School of Business. “Leaders aren’t born; they’re developed. Our program helps them develop these leadership skills by reflecting on themselves, their organizations, and the wider world.”

Program graduates represent all six health profession schools, including the schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Optometry, Public Health, and Health Professions, as well as administrators, including those from the UAB Health System, University Hospital, The Kirklin Clinic, and the faculty practice plan.

Participants receive a broader understanding of the responsibilities of leaders, new perspectives on the critical leadership and managerial issues they face, and a deeper understanding and awareness of concepts and techniques relevant to management.

Duane Donner is the managing partner of Founders Investment Banking, which, along with the Dore Foundation, helped found the academy. The two organizations have donated $700,000 to this collaborative group since its inception, with UAB adding $250,000.

“We have enjoyed working with the team at UAB on the Healthcare Leadership Academy,” Duane Donner says. “There is tremendous value being developed and created for our community with this innovative program that is equipping health-care professionals with specific business skills they need for success in today’s health-care environment. I have been quite impressed with the quality of the participants and how hungry these folks are to learn and grow. They understand how important this is to our future to get this right.”

To date, 120 faculty members and nonfaculty administrators have participated in the HLA, including Jeanetta Keller, Ph.D., chief administrative officer of the UAB Health System; Jeremy Thomas, M.D., medical director of the UAB Emergency Department; and Mike Chen, M.D., chief of staff for UAB Pediatric Surgery.

Mr. Donner adds, “We are grateful to have had the opportunity to make the initial investment in HLA and watch the Academy continue to grow. It is really exciting for us to be part of something with such potential to help solve some of the major challenges we are facing with our nation’s health-care system.”

IMPROVED IMAGING
Jim Stephens and HSF Fund PET MRI

AS PART OF THE FACULTY/STAFF CAMPAIGN OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR UAB, the physicians at The University of Alabama Health Services Foundation (HSF) have provided a lead gift of $2.5 million. The funds will be used toward the purchase of a cutting-edge PET MRI. This piece of equipment will play an important role in moving therapies and improved diagnostics more rapidly from the laboratory to the patient in the areas of oncology, neuroscience, and cardiology. The investment is being leveraged by a most generous gift from Julie and Jim Stephens and others at UAB.

Jim Stephens and his wife, Julie, are both staunch supporters of UAB as a couple and separately. They have loyally supported the Department of Neurosurgery for which Mrs. Stephens is a member of the UAB Neurosurgery Women’s Leadership Council. (See “Leading the Way” on page 8.) Mr. Stephens has provided additional support to the Neurosurgical Surgery Resident Education Program.

The new PET MRI will position UAB at the forefront of patient care and research, improving our ability to diagnose and monitor treatment response in the fields of oncology, neuroscience, and cardiology. By investing in this new piece of equipment, Julie and Jim Stephens and the HSF physicians are helping to create a world-class imaging center and supporting the The Campaign for UAB with a generous commitment.
Events

Presented by Alacare Home Health & Hospice and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, Season Four Dancing with the Silver Stars paired local civic leaders with professional dancers in high-energy routines. Benefiting the UAB Comprehensive Center for Healthy Aging, the event took place in November at The Club.

Dancers teamed with Jackie and Fabian Sanchez of Fred Astaire Studio in Hoover. The local dancers were Colleen P. Adams; F. Cleveland Kinney, M.D.; Dolly A. O’Neal; Richard V. Sims III, M.D.; Ceil J. Snow; and The Honorable J. Scott Vowell. Attendees also enjoyed special entertainment by the Sugar Babies, a troupe of tap dancers ranging in age from 53 to 72. The event’s emcee was Robert Levin, M.D., a Birmingham pediatrician.

Proceeds support three $30,000 pilot grants to UAB faculty focused on community-based solutions to the challenges facing older adults. Each project will test a concept that could help keep elderly adults physically mobile, mentally sharp, and independent for as long as possible.
The Campaign for UAB KICKS OFF

Martina McBride Featured at Opening Event

The Campaign for UAB got off to a great start with a gala celebration on October 24, 2013. Singer Martina McBride was the featured artist at UAB’s Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center.

Mike and Anne Warren, Nancy and Ray Watts, Martina McBride, Shirley Salleyway Kahn, Johnny Johns, and Theresa and James Bruno

Ed Partridge, Erin Cain, and Drua and Sanjay Sough

Sandy and Wayne Killion

Michael and Karen Bownes and Scotty McCallum

Jane Stephens Comer and Patty McDonald

Mike and Anne Warren

Hed and Judy Altvins

Johnny Johns, Martina McBride, Mike Warren, and Theresa Bruno

Betty McMahan, Virginia Gilbert Loftin, and Janice Vickers

Albert and Betty Tally

Holman and Margaret Head with Dolly and Bert O’Neal
LEADING BY EXAMPLE

James Kirklin, M.D., Takes Faculty and Staff Campaign to Heart

AS THE CAMPAIGN FOR UAB moves toward its largest fund-raising goal to date, faculty and staff support is more important than ever. James K. Kirklin, M.D., director of the UAB Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, has always been a leader when it comes to giving back. Kirklin’s gifts over time have created the James K. Kirklin Heart Transplant Fund, which supports research in surgical solutions for advanced heart failure and provides assistance to needy patients.

Recent gifts include creating a visiting professorship in cardiothoracic surgery; establishing an endowed fund in mechanical circulatory support, in partnership with Robert C. Bourge, M.D., a specialist in pulmonary hypertension in the Division of Cardiovascular Disease; and supporting UAB’s Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center and ArtPlay, where his daughter Kimberly is director of education and outreach.

“Philanthropy has always been very important to my family,” Kirklin says. “It is an opportunity to invest in missions that have captivated my professional life, required financial planning (like any other investment), and yielded important personal satisfaction for my family and myself.”

Beyond UAB, Kirklin established an International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation endowment for publishing a yearly monograph about the science of thoracic transplantation and mechanical circulatory support. He has served as president of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation and as editor of the Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation.

Kirklin is internationally known for his expertise in cardiac surgery, heart and lung transplants, congenital heart disease, and left ventricular assist device (LVAD) placement therapy. In honor of his many contributions to UAB and to cardiothoracic surgery, the Department of Surgery established the James K. Kirklin Endowed Chair in Cardiothoracic Surgery, complementing the division’s four other endowed chairs.

Kirklin believes the philosophy of philanthropy is an essential part of the dedication that successful academic physicians require. “This philosophy has motivated my family to invest personally in important endeavors,” he says. “We hope to inspire other physician stakeholders to think similarly.”

BE OUR FRIEND!
FIVE WAYS TO FOLLOW THE CAMPAIGN FOR UAB

We’re opening our hearts to you about The Campaign for UAB. Here are five ways you can connect with us and feel the love.

1. **Fall in Like** (facebook.com/campaignforuab)
   We’ll give you a thumbs-up if you like us on Facebook, where we’re posting about exciting events, outstanding students, groundbreaking research, and more.

2. **Indulge in a Tweet** (twitter.com/CampaignforUAB)
   A little birdie told us you’d like to not only be alerted to exciting new stories on our website, but also to get updates on news from all over campus.

3. **Join the Conversation** (linkedin.com)
   Become a part of our LinkedIn group to engage in discussions about all the wonderful, world-changing things going on at UAB.

4. **Visit Us Anytime** (uab.edu/campaign)
   On our website you’ll find new stories every week that illustrate the impact your gifts are making to change lives every day.

5. **Keep It Simple** (uab.edu/give/now)
   By simply using our giving tool, you can change someone’s world today. Every gift counts!
**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Birmingham Physician Leaves Lasting Legacy of Learning with Gift**

William Doggett

**“NO MORE TEACHERS, NO MORE BOOKS”** is a popular chant among children at the end of each school year, but it’s doubtful anyone ever heard William Doggett III, M.D., singing that tune during his lifetime. Over the course of 26 years, beginning in 1986, Doggett took 70 undergraduate and graduate-level classes at UAB.

“What I wouldn’t have given for a class full of students like Bill—or just one more,” says Mary Flowers Braswell, Ph.D., a professor at UAB and a dear friend of Doggett’s. “I always told him that he was a better ‘scholar’ than I was! When he was in my Chaucer class or Arthurian Legend, I purposefully made his assignments as difficult as I possibly could. He loved it!”

Doggett pursued his continuing education during a 35-year career as an internist and pulmonary specialist at Medical Center East. He also served as a physician with Med-Help Family Care in Birmingham.

Doggett was a graduate of Davidson College and the UAB School of Medicine. He completed his residency at UAB before completing a fellowship in pulmonary medicine at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. During his impressive career, he continued to take courses in anything that interested him, his brother David Doggett says. These courses ranged from astronomy and history to English and foreign languages including French and German.

His lifelong love of learning led him to leave a gift to UAB from his estate. Doggett passed away in 2012. He had previously established the Grace Lindsley Waits Scholarship, in honor of an inspiring English teacher at Blanks High School, for the study of English at UAB. The new endowment will be used to fund student scholarships and various activities in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. The gift may possibly fund lectures, conferences, faculty travel awards, and study-away experiences for students.

“Bill was a well-educated American in love with Old Europe, its architecture, Shakespeare, Schiller, and Stendhal,” says Serge Bokobza, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Bokobza says that, during Doggett’s 20-year membership in the Alliance Francaise of Birmingham, he attended numerous lectures and went on many trips.

“He enthusiastically supported our efforts to expose our community to the rich cultures of France and Germany. His legacy is for UAB students to experience the same emotion and enjoyment he felt when he was speaking French, studying in Germany, or strolling in England.”

David Doggett says that is exactly what his brother would have wanted. “Bill’s hope for the donation would be that someone—faculty or student—will get an education opportunity that he or she would not have gotten otherwise. His European travel and summer study programs at Cambridge and Oxford, and the intellectual stimulation that his UAB classes provided, were his greatest sources of pleasure.”

**GIVING BACK**

**Charles Black III Plans Estate Gift to UAB School of Dentistry**

ORAL SURGEON AND DENTIST CHARLES BLACK III, D.M.D., completed his education at UAB more than 40 years ago, but he has never forgotten his appreciation for what the School of Dentistry did for his future. “I feel like almost everything I’ve been able to accomplish has been because of the school,” says Black, who graduated in 1972 and has a practice in Mobile. “Without UAB, I wouldn’t have been a dentist. UAB was my top choice.”

Black named UAB and another school of dentistry as 50/50 beneficiaries of part of his employer-sponsored retirement plan. Designating UAB in a will or arranging a planned gift has tax benefits realized after the person’s lifetime since retirement plans are not assessed income tax when distributed to qualified charities. For an individual whose estate is large enough to also be subject to estate taxes, naming a charitable beneficiary reduces the size of the estate and, therefore, the estate tax liability.

A beneficiary designation made on a retirement account, rather than a designation through a personal will or living trust, allows funds to be distributed directly to the named organization, avoiding the delay and expense of probate.

Black said he certainly considered the financial benefits of including UAB in his estate plans, but giving back to a school that gave him so much was his main motivation. “I feel like it’s good to pay back. You should give back when something has benefited you in the way that UAB has benefited me.”

His hope is that the planned gift will help maintain the quality of education in the School of Dentistry and contribute to updates that are continuously needed to maintain UAB as a first-rate school. “Estate gifts are the ultimate philanthropic expression of support,” says Michael S. Reddy, D.M.D., dean of the School of Dentistry. “By including us in his estate plan, Dr. Black is helping ensure we will maintain a standard of excellence in perpetuity. We are deeply appreciative of his generosity.”

Endowments such as Black’s are a high priority for The Campaign for UAB, Reddy says. Students will benefit immeasurably through the financial support of donors like Charles Black. “Dr. Black’s generous gift to the School of Dentistry’s endowment will help us sustain and grow for generations. Endowments allow us to recruit and retain world-class faculty, provide state-of-the-art clinical training, and offer innovative programs for our students,” Reddy says.
Marvin Engel

When Marvin R. Engel passed away in 2013, he left a legacy of giving that will live on in Birmingham and particularly at UAB. In his most recent act of generosity toward the university, he and his wife, Ruth, along with their friends Judy and Hal Abrams, committed funds totaling $5 million to enable construction and establishment of the Abrams-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts. Mr. Engel did not live to see the opening of the institute this January, but his generosity will touch many lives for many years to come.

Born in 1921 in Birmingham to William P. and Bess G. Engel, Marvin Engel attended Lakeview Grammar School and Ramsay High School. He graduated in 1942 from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He entered the U.S. Army in July 1942, where he served until December 7, 1945. He was honorably discharged First Sgt. Signal Corps. He then entered business, through Engel Realty Company, with his father. He sold the company in 1986.

Marvin married Ruth Salomon of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 23, 1948. They had two children, Barbara and Bill, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Engel has served on the boards of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Alabama Symphony Association, and the Art Fund of the Birmingham Museum of Art and as president of the Festival of Arts, now the Birmingham International Festival. He was recognized by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives Alabama Chapter, now the AFP Alabama Chapter, with its Outstanding Philanthropist Award in 2000. He also is one of 100 members of the Alabama Academy of Honor. UAB awarded Engel an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 2010.

The Engels have generously supported many units at UAB including the Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Division of Cardiovascular Disease, the Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, WBHM Public Radio, and UAB’s Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center—specifically naming the center’s Engel Plaza. Thanks to the couple’s generosity, a sculpture by world-renowned artist Frank Stella graces the plaza. Mr. and Mrs. Engel generously donated the sculpture to the Birmingham Museum of Art, which cares for the work of art on permanent loan to UAB. The couple also has contributed to the gastroenterology chair and every chair honoring every retiring president of UAB. Mr. Engel graciously served on the UAB President’s Council and UAB Leadership Cabinet to the great benefit of the university.

Caldwell Marks

Caldwell Marks made an indelible mark on Birmingham as a well-respected businessman. He also was a great friend to UAB until his death in 2013.

Charles Caldwell Marks was born in 1921 in Birmingham, the son of Isabel Caldwell Marks and Charles Pollard Marks. He graduated from the University of the South in 1942 with a bachelor’s degree in physics. Marks went on to graduate studies at Cornell University, Harvard University, and The University of Alabama. After college, he joined U.S. Steel, but soon thereafter joined the Navy during World War II. He was the chief engineer officer, Lieutenant U.S.N.R., on ships in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean theaters. In 1945, Marks married his first wife, Jeanne Alden Vigeant, and they were married for more than 50 years until her death in 1999.

After the war, Marks and his friend William Spencer III bought the Owen Richards Company. They later changed the name to Motion Industries and merged with Genuine Parts Company in 1972. Marks served as president of Motion Industries until his retirement in 1983. He also was a director of Genuine Parts Company and held the title of director emeritus. During his business career, Marks helped in the formation of BE&K, a Birmingham-based top construction company, specializing in engineering, construction, and environmental services for process industries, and served on its board for many years.

As chairman of Birmingham’s Committee of 100, Marks was one of five men who in 1963 met with President John F. Kennedy during the local civil rights struggle. He chaired numerous boards, including Children’s Hospital of Alabama, The Workshop for the Blind, The Children’s Aid Society, the Executive Service Corps of Birmingham, and the St. Vincent’s Foundation. He was chairman of Birmingham’s Midtown Redevelopment Authority, which acquired the property that made The Kirklin Clinic a reality.

Marks also co-chaired the United Way and served as a director of The University of Alabama Health Services Foundation and as a trustee of Southern Research Institute, the UAB Research Foundation, and the Birmingham Museum of Art. He has been awarded two honorary degrees, one from his alma mater in 1969 and one from UAB in 1990. Marks’s business and civic awards include induction into the Birmingham Business Hall of Fame by the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham in 1998 and The University of Alabama Business Hall of Fame in 2005. He was named the 2013 recipient of the Outstanding Philanthropist Award by the Alabama Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Marks is survived by his wife, Alice Scott Marks, and by his children, Randolph Caldwell Marks, Margaret Marks Porter, and Charles Pollard Marks; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
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Remem/b_ering Fi/riend1s W/e/alt1st I/n.2013

Marie O’Koren

Marie O’Koren earned a diploma from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in 1946; a bachelor’s degree in nursing at Long Beach State College in 1957; and a master’s degree in nursing in 1958 and the doctorate in education in 1964 from The University of Alabama. She was professor and dean of the UAB School of Nursing from 1970 to 1987. She served as associate and assistant dean and chair of the graduate program for six years prior to being named dean.

O’Koren was responsible for planning the construction of a new building for the School of Nursing, which was first occupied in 1971. She held the faculty ranks of assistant professor and instructor from 1958 to 1962.

O’Koren was named a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 1977 and received the UAB Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award in 1978. She was honored by her alma mater, the University of Minnesota, with the 1982 Outstanding Achievement Award and by the UAB School of Nursing with the Distinguished Alumni Award. She was inducted into the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame in 2005 and received the UAB Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004.

She served as chair of the Southern Regional Education Board’s Committee on Graduate Education in Nursing and as an accreditation visitor for the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. She was a member of the National League for Nursing Council on Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Accreditation Board of Review. She also was a member of the Advisory Committee, HE Project, Analysis and Planning for the Distribution of Nursing and Nursing Service. She received the Exemplary Service Award from the Alabama Association of College Administrators in 1987.

During her tenure as dean, O’Koren also served as a member of the National Advisory Council on Nurse Training and a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Professional Nursing.

Jimmie Hess

From the time Jimmie Hess arrived in Birmingham with her husband, Emil, after World War II, she enhanced life here, especially in the arts. She was Emil’s silent partner as they built the family business, Parisian, into a major retail force in Birmingham, then Alabama, and then throughout the Southeast.

Jimmie Hess served two terms as president of the Birmingham Council of Jewish Women, held every major position in the Women’s Committee of the Symphony from 1950 until she became president in 1968, spoke about Judaism to many women’s church clubs, and taught at Temple Emanu-EI.

Hess was president of the Women’s Committee of the United Jewish Fund (predecessor to the Birmingham Jewish Federation) and was quite involved in the Community Chest (United Way). She was especially engaged when she and Emil, along with Hermie and Ed Friend, started the Tocqueville Society of the United Way in Central Alabama.

She and Emil were early and lifelong supporters of the Alabama School of Fine Arts, and she founded the Music Opportunity Program to improve young people’s access to classical music education as a way to honor her parents and the joys that music brought to her life.

Hess had a long history with the University Honors Program, serving on their advisory board for many years and creating a scholarship to aid honors students. She was a staunch advocate for the arts and student enrichment and supported the Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop. Recently Ada Long, Ph.D., spearheaded an initiative to create a scholarship in Hess’s memory. The Jimmie Hess Creative Writing Scholarship will assist high-school students who are accepted to the workshop. Numerous commitments have already been made by friends who wanted to recognize Hess’s spirit, generosity, and love of the arts.

Jimmie Hess was preceded in death by her parents; by her husband of 55 years, Emil Hess; by her daughter, JoAnn Hess Morrison; and by her special friend, Irving Sachs. She is survived by her son and his wife, Donald and Ronne Hess, and by 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

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Remembering Friends We Lost In 2013

Sara Finley
Sara Will Crews Finley, M.D., was born in 1930, the daughter of Jessie Mathews Crews and J.B. Crews of Lineville, Alabama. She graduated from The University of Alabama and the Medical College of Alabama. Her postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a trainingship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, Finley joined the faculty of the Medical College of Alabama, now the UAB School of Medicine. Two years later, she and her husband, Wayne H. Finley, Ph.D., M.D., co-founded the first medical genetics program in the southeastern United States. She served as co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for 30 years and occupied the Wayne H. and Sara Crews Finley Chair in Medical Genetics at the time of her retirement as professor emerita in 1996.

Together, Sara and Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training, and service program at UAB for 35 years, providing genetics services and developing specialized diagnostic laboratories for detectable genetic disorders. In 2001, UAB honored them by establishing the Finley-Compass Bank Genetics Conference Center, located on the UAB campus.

Sara Finley served for 20 years on the Admissions Committee of the UAB School of Medicine. She was the first woman to serve as president of The University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society. She was also a member of The University of Alabama President’s Cabinet for more than 10 years.

Finley received many awards and honors for her scholarship, contributions to medicine, and community service. Included among many others were: UAB Distinguished Faculty Lecturer; the Distinguished Alumna Award of The University of Alabama National Alumni Association; Martha Myers Role Model Award from The University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association; Gardner Award of the Alabama Academy of Science; and the American Medical Women’s Association/National Library of Medicine Legends Award.

Bill Featheringill
William Waddell “Bill” Featheringill was preceded in death by his parents Juanita Waddell and William Jefferson Featheringill, and is survived by his wife, Carolyn Burgess Featheringill, and his daughter, Elizabeth Featheringill Pharo, as well as three grandchildren. He was a cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Featheringill served two years with the U.S. Navy SEABEES in Okinawa, California, and Vietnam. After his Navy duty, he continued his education at Columbia University, receiving his law degree in 1969 and his M.B.A in 1970. He then began his career in Birmingham in health care and health care-related industries and was instrumental in the development of Medical Towers, Brookwood Hospital, and Medical Center East.

In 1973, Featheringill co-founded Private Capital Corporation in Birmingham. As president of the company, he established and grew a number of successful companies. Included among those are Complete Health, now part of United Healthcare, and Macecss Corporation, now part of SunGard Data Systems. Most recently, he served as chairman of SuccessEHS Inc. and Momentum Business Solutions Inc. and was a director of Southern Research Institute.

Among the awards Mr. Featheringill received were CIO Magazine's Enterprise Integration Award and the first Investor of the Year Award presented by the Birmingham Venture Club. Two of his companies received the John S. Jemison Jr. Venture Award given by the Birmingham Venture Club. In 2000, he was named the Distinguished Alumnus for the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering.

Featheringill was a member of the Samford University Board of Overseers, the Executive Committee of the first Campaign for UAB, the Board of Directors of the Birmingham Museum of Art, and the Birmingham Rotary Club. He also was chairman of the board of The Featheringill Foundation.

At UAB, Mr. and Mrs. Featheringill created the Featheringill Endowed Chair in Cardiac Arrhythmia Research. Most recently, they pledged a significant gift to the new UAB Comprehensive Cardiovascular Center (CCVC). The couple’s particular interest in and support of UAB’s cardiovascular program has allowed for more collaborative, cutting-edge research in basic, clinical, demographics, and transformational cardiovascular science.