UAB Center for Aging
Community Awards

The McCallum Award

The McCallum Award was established in 2003 to honor persons in the community who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service on behalf of the UAB Center for Aging, helping the program achieve its vision of “adding years to life and life to years” for older adults. The award was named in honor of Dr. Charles (Scotty) A. McCallum, Jr., who served as the third UAB president from 1987-1993. During his tenure as president, Dr. McCallum identified the development and support of programs in aging as one of his administration’s top priorities. After retiring from UAB, Dr. McCallum became Mayor of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, where he continued to pursue the development of programs to enhance the health and well being of older adults. This award is presented annually by the leadership of the Center for Aging.

McCallum Award Winners

2003 - Charles “Scotty” A. McCallum, Jr.

2004 – Jim Russell

2004 – Philip and Georgene Keirn

2005 – The Thomas and Jarman Lowder Family Foundation

2006 – Corinne H. Rieder and the John A. Hartford Foundation

2007 – Robert G. Sherrill

2008 – Jean B. Morris

2008 – The Evelyn McKnight Brain Research Foundation

2009 - Harry Vickers

2010 – John G. Beard

2011 McCallum Award Winner

J. Claude Bennett, MD

J. Claude Bennett, M.D., is a UAB Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, a member of the Advisory Board of the UAB Research Foundation, and a consultant to Biocryst Pharmaceuticals. A native of Birmingham, AL, Dr. Bennett received an undergraduate degree from Samford University. He obtained a medical degree from Harvard Medical School and completed a residency at University of Alabama Hospital. Subsequently, Dr. Bennett obtained rheumatology training at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He served as a research associate in molecular biology at the National Institute of Health and obtained training in molecular genetics at the California Institute of Technology.

After completing research training, Dr. Bennett returned home to Birmingham to become a faculty member in the Departments of Medicine and Microbiology at UAB. He rapidly rose to the rank of full professor and became chair of the Department of Microbiology, director of the Division of Rheumatology, and director of the Multipurpose Arthritis Center at UAB. He subsequently served as the Chairman of the Department of Medicine from 1982-1993 and as the fourth UAB President from 1993-1997. Dr. Bennett then assumed the position of President and Chief Operating Officer for Biocryst Pharmaceuticals until he retired in 2008.

Dr. Bennett has had an active career in research, with over 160 scientific publications, and in medical education as the editor of the Cecil Textbook of Medicine, 19th, 20th, and 21st editions; editor-in-chief of Arthritis and Rheumatism from 1975-80; and editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Medicine from 1986-97. He has been honored by a number of distinguished organizations including the Williams Award from the Association of Professors of Medicine in 1994, the John Phillips Memorial Award in 1993, the Seal Harris Award from the Southern Medical Association, the 2000 Kober Medal from the Association of American Physicians, and holds Mastership in the American College of Physicians. He has been awarded honorary degrees by the University of Alabama at Birmingham and by the University of Leipzig, Germany.

The 2011 McCallum Award is presented to Dr. Bennett in recognition of his leadership and support for the UAB Center for Aging. As Chairman of Medicine, Dr. Bennett made aging a focus of the Department of Medicine. He recruited Alan M. Siegal, M.D. as the Interim Director of the Division of Gerontology and Geriatrics in 1987, and after a national search, he appointed Richard M. Allman, M.D. as the Director in 1990. After becoming the UAB President in 1993, Dr. Bennett continued to provide guidance and support for the development of the Center for Aging and its programs. After becoming President and Chief Operating Officer of Biocryst Pharmaceuticals, Dr. Bennett has remained active in many professional and academic societies. He has supported a wide array of civic organizations, including Alzheimer’s of Central Alabama and the UAB Center for Aging.
The Bynum Award

The Robert P. Bynum Award was established in 2005. This award is given annually by the UAB Center for Aging to honor and to recognize persons who are actively engaged in activities that enhance the health or well-being of older adults. Awardees will have a track record of leadership and service on behalf of older adults that is illustrated by the life and work of Robert P. Bynum for whom the award is named.

Up until his death on October 16, 2010, Robert P. Bynum spent his entire career working to improve the health and well-being of older adults. Before retirement, Mr. Bynum worked for the Social Security Administration for 32 years. He worked with the UAB Center for Aging as an employee, consultant, and as a volunteer. Mr. Bynum provided leadership for UAB Elderhostel programs for many years. He provided pre-retirement seminars for the City of Birmingham and several large corporations. He also served on the Center for Aging Community Advisory Committee.

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2011 Robert P. Bynum Award Winner
Anne McLeod Warren

In 2001, Lucile Beeson left the earnings from a portion of her large estate to Canterbury United Methodist Church with the very explicit instructions that it was to be used for the care and benefit of the “needy elderly in Jefferson County.” That act began a decade-long journey for Anne McLeod Warren. Anne accepted the challenge of being the first leader for Canterbury’s Beeson Team.

In many ways, Anne Warren had been preparing for this task for a lifetime. A high school teacher by training, Anne returned to the classroom when her young children started school. She received her Masters of Social Work degree at the University of Alabama in 1987. An internship in hospice work guided her toward working with the sick and elderly in some of life’s most difficult times. Empathy and a kind heart; good judgment and practical solutions became the order of the day for the next 17 years. As Anne Warren wound up her involvement with the elderly at the end of life, she answered Canterbury’s and Mrs. Beeson’s call.

Under Anne’s leadership, the Canterbury Beeson Team became a grant-making agency. Guidelines were developed, partnerships formed and specific areas of focus identified – housing needs, direct care, and monetary support for community agencies helping the elderly at the raw edge.

As the Canterbury Beeson Team grew and matured, Anne Warren led it in expanded directions. In August, 2011, the eighth Canterbury –Beeson Forum on Aging brought bestselling author Gail Sheehy to town and some 500 professionals and lay caregivers spent the day earning continuing education hours at a nominal charge. The idea was to leverage learning and help hundreds of the elderly by expanding the skill and knowledge of their caregivers. Special attention is also paid to families dealing with the wide range of issues facing the elderly.

Collat Jewish Family Services has been supported by the Beeson funds and Anne and the Canterbury Beeson Team borrowed the idea and began a direct care/case management effort in the western section of town by creating Beeson Senior Services and putting two social workers “in the field.” Anne is the supervisor for this effort.

Anne McLeod Warren has been married to Mike for over 43 years. They have three grown children and ten wonderful grandchildren.
The New Horizons Award

The New Horizons Award was established in 2005 and is given annually to honor and to recognize a not-for-profit organization that is providing programs or activities that enhance the health or well-being of retired persons in Alabama. It is expected that organizations selected for this award will have a track record of service on behalf of older adults that is illustrated by the activities of New Horizons at UAB, an older adult community of learners, for which the award is named.

New Horizons at UAB is a membership group of men and women of retirement age who wish to keep their minds active through learning and fellowship. Launched in January 1989, it is sponsored by the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Center for Aging and the Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Policy as a self-governing and member-directed program.

New Horizons Award Winners

2005 - New Horizons at UAB

2006 - Shepherd’s Center Southside
Alabama Retired State Employees’ Association

2007 - The Joy Club at the Levite Jewish Community Center

2008 - Alzheimer’s of Central Alabama
The Assistance League of Birmingham
Collat Jewish Family Services
Episcopal Place
Fairhaven Retirement Center
Hand-in-Paw
Lakeshore Foundation
The Seasoned Performers
Senior Talk Line (Crisis Center)
Saint Martin’s in the Pines

2009 - Sister Jane Bishop
Honor Flight Birmingham
Jefferson County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels

2010 - United Way of Central Alabama, Inc.

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AARP Alabama

AARP has worked with the Center for Aging to present the UAB/AARP Aging Policy Conference for the past four years. This year’s event, “Paving the Way: A Roadmap for Ending Food Insecurity and Hunger,” continued a series that has dealt with issues such as enhanced health care, making certain that Alabama has enough nursing professionals to meet the needs of its citizens as well as a session devoted to aging successfully. Hundreds of professionals, academicians, volunteers, elected officials and others interested in enhancing the lives of those aged 50+ have participated in making these events successful and contributed to their making a difference in the lives of Alabamians.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a membership that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to either political campaigns or candidates. AARP produces AARP The Magazine, the definitive voice for 50+ Americans and the world’s largest-circulation magazine with nearly 35 million readers; AARP Bulletin, the go-to news source for AARP’s millions of members and Americans 50+; AARP VIVA, the only bilingual U.S. publication dedicated exclusively to the 50+ Hispanic community; and the website, AARP.org. AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.