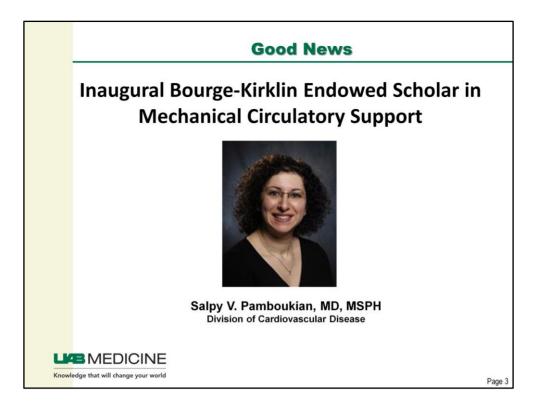


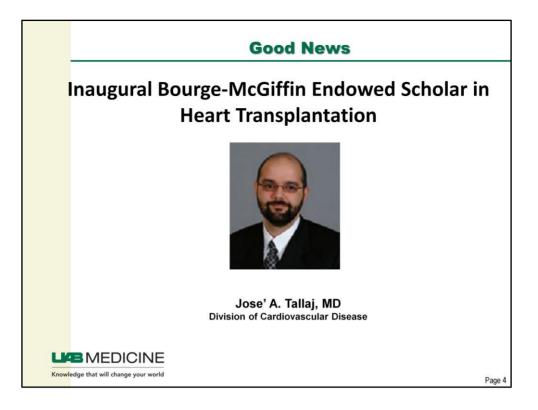
Jessica Merlin, MD, MBA and Ashley Haddad, MD selected to attend the 2014 Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) Program in Addiction Medicine: Improving Clinical and Teaching Skills for Generalists April 27-30 at The Wequassett Inn in Chatham, Cape Code, Massachusetts. CRIT is a well-regarded Scholarship Program for Incoming Chief Residents and Faculty Mentors at Boston University on state-of-the-art methods to diagnose, manage, and teach about addiction medicine.



Chad Steele, PhD elected as Vice Chair of the 2016 Gordon Research Conference entitled "Biology of Acute Respiratory Infections" and Chair of the 2018 conference. Research in Dr. Steele's Laboratory of Lunch Immunology and Host Defense is focused on understanding innate and adaptive immune responses against opportunistic fungal pathogens that cause life-threatening lung infections in immunocompromised individuals with such diseases as HIV, COPD and leukemia.



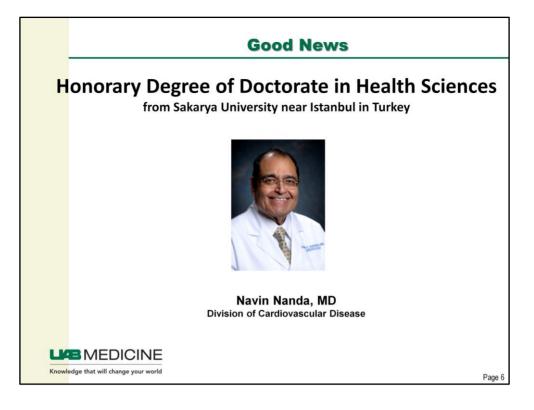
Salpy Pamboukian, MD, MSPH awarded the Inaugural Bourge-Kirklin Endowed Scholar in Mechanical Circulatory Support. Dr. Pamboukian is Medical Director of the Mechanical Circulatory Support Device Program at UAB, Fellowship Director of Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Fellowship Program, and co-section head of the Section of Advanced Heart Failure, Cardiac Transplant, Mechanical Circulatory Support and Pulmonary Vascular Disease



Jose' A. Tallaj, MD awarded the Inaugural Bourge-McGiffin Endowed Scholar in Heart Transplantation. Dr. Tallaj is Medical Director of the UAB Heart Transplant Program and HTICU at UAB as well as co-section head of the Section of Advanced Heart Failure, Cardiac Transplant, Mechanical Circulatory Support and Pulmonary Vascular Disease.



Rodney Tucker, MD, secured the largest gift to Palliative Care at UAB. The \$2.5M gift will be used to establish an Endowed Support Fund for Palliative and Supportive Care at UAB. Dr. Tucker is currently serving as Director for the Center for Palliative and Supportive Care. Over the 6 years prior to joining the Center, he also served as the Medical Director for Alacare Home Health and Hospice. Dr. Tucker likes to travel to warm climates and is an avid collector of American art, pottery and works by local artists.



Navin Nanda, MD received honorary degree of Doctorate in Health Sciences from Sakarya University near Istanbul in Turkey. This honor is given to Dr. Nanda for his pioneering contributions in cardiology and echocardiography and his efforts in advancing and developing the practice of echocardiography throughout the world by conducting many conferences and workshops and publishing many books over the past several decades. Dr. Nanda grew up in Kenya. He obtained a School Certificate Diploma from the University of Cambridge in England through Duke of Gloucester School in Nairobi, Kenya. He received his MBBS and MD from the University of Bombay, India and Fellowship in Cardiology at the Institute of Cardiology and National Heart Hospital, London, England and the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. Dr. Nanda's research is related to echocardiography and coronary artery disease in ethnic population. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren outside UAB.