UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Carlton Young, MD, Medical Student Diversity & Inclusion
Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Content taken from Howard, K. A Legacy of Leadership: Newly renamed learning communities honor Key figures from our past and present. *UAB Magazine.*

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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William Groce Campbell Endowed Medical Scholarship
Capital City Medical Society Endowed Scholarship
Richard Devore Carter, M.D., Medical Scholarship
Richard "Zeke" Devore Carter, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Murphy Chenault, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Dr. Harold Niles Cooley, Jr., Memorial Endowed Scholarship
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William A. Cunningham Endowed Medical Scholarship
Dr. Jordan and Gale Davis Medical Scholarship
William B. Deal, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
William B. Deal, M.D., Huntsville Art of Medicine Endowed Scholarship
Richard and Gloria deShazo Diversity in Medicine Endowed Scholarship
The Arnold G. Diethelm, M.D., Medical Scholarship
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W. Earle Drennen Endowed Scholarship
Harriet P. Dustan Scholarship
Jane R. Cantey-Edwards Family Medical Scholarship for the UAB Montgomery Regional Medical Campus
Helen and Murphy Evans Endowed Medical Scholarship
Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
S. Richardson Hill Endowed Presidential Scholarship
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John Isaac Samuel Holt Memorial Endowed Scholarship
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Huntsville Hospital Internal Medicine Integrated Residency Scholarship for the UAB Huntsville Regional Medical Campus
Charles E. Ingalls, M.D., Medical Scholarship for the UAB Montgomery Regional Medical Campus
UAB International Medical Education Scholarship for the Medical Student Enrichment Program (Study Abroad)
Anne Juliane Jenkins Isola, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Lewis F. Jeffers Scholarship Endowment
Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
Jefferson County Medical Society Alliance Endowed Medical Student Scholarship
Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
Eloise and Charles P. Johnston Scholarship Endowment
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Donald R. Kahn, M.D., Medical School Scholarship
Drs. Santosh and Prakesh Kansal Endowed Medical Scholarship
Stephen J. Kelly, M.D., Memorial Scholarship Fund
Melinda Kerr and Barry Wilson Endowed Scholarship
Hayne Kendrick Medical Scholarship
Samuel Rexford Kennamer, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship for the UAB Montgomery Regional Medical Campus
Dr. Charles O. King Scholarship Trust
Clarence E. and Margaret S. Klapper Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
Stephen G. Lauten, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Clarence Long Memorial Medical Scholarship
Alma B. Maxwell Medical Scholarship
Jane Knight Lowe Medical Scholarship
Dr. Rob McDonald Memorial Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Dr. C. C. McLean Medical Scholarship Fund
McLester Endowed Medical Scholarship
Medical Alumni Association/Birmingham Surgical Society Endowed Scholarship
Medical Alumni Association/Dean of Medicine Scholarship
Medical Alumni Association Diversity in Medicine Scholarship
Medical Society of Montgomery County Endowed Medical Scholarship
Mineral District Medical Society and Auxiliary Endowed Scholarship
R.A. Moorer and C.C. Belcher Endowed Loan Fund in Primary Care Medicine
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John P. Newsome, M.D., Scholarship
Edgar A. O'Rear, Jr., M.D., Memorial Endowed Scholarship
H. Parker and Mabel Osment Scholarship
Dr. Doris Sturgis Phillips Scholarship in Medicine
The Physicians of Tomorrow Endowed Medical Scholarship
Primary Care Medical Student Scholarship
Dr. Seaborn W. Purifoy and Daisy Brown Purifoy Memorial Scholarship
Thomas E. Rast Endowed Medical Scholarship
Robert R. Rich, M.D., Endowed Medical Student Scholarship
Mary D. Roberts Endowed Medical Scholarship
James Earl Robertson Endowed Medical Scholarship
Benjamin and Roberta Russell Endowed Medical Scholarship
Brenda Gayle Russell Memorial Scholarship
William F. Salter Endowed Medical Scholarship
School of Medicine Dean's Scholarship
School of Medicine Dean's Out-of-State Scholarship
School of Medicine Dean's Primary Care Scholarship
School of Medicine Diversity Scholarship
School of Medicine Minority Medical Scholarship
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Ronald A. Shaw, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Shelton Endowed Medical Scholarship
Frank R. Sherard Scholarship Endowment
Robert G. Sherrill, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Dr. Marcus Skinner Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Charles Smith and Mrs. Mildred Broun Smith Endowment
James D. Sokol and Lydia C. Cheney Endowed Medical Scholarship
Florence F. Staples Medical Scholarship
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Albert J. Tully, Jr., M.D., Family Endowed Medical Scholarship
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
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Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
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Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
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Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Ashton Victoria Robinson

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Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

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Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

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Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

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Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
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Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

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Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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Elizabeth Carter Marks

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
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Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Lyons Learning Community

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

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Marissa Hope Dogan

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Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

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Luke Isaac Jones

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Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

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Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

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Kyle Robert Landers

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
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Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
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George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

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Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

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Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

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Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
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Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
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Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

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Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
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Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
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Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

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Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
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Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
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Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

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Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

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Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Lyons Learning Community

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Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

Charlotte Rainier McRae

Khaldia Khalil Osman

Reid Harrison Reeves

Lauren Nicole Sullivan

Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

Gov. Brewer's gift was made in grateful appreciation for the care he received from – and the professionalism he has observed in – Dr. Martin J. Heslin, the James. P. Hayes Endowed Professor of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

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Leisa Chambless Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Leadership Scholars Program Endowment
Wayne Finley, M.D., Travel Award

Pink L. and Miriam R. Folmar Endowed Medical Scholarship
Ramakrishna K. Gadi, M.D., Endowed Medical Travel Award
Manmohan K. Ghanta, M.D., and Sunitha A. Ghanta, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
Gary Michael Gross M.D. Endowed Medical Scholarship
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
George S. Hand Jr., Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Estes H. and Florence Parker Hargis Memorial Scholarship
T. Michael Harrington, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
John Tinsley Harrison Medical Scholarship
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Hire Family Endowed Medical Scholarships
Henry Harland Hoffman Endowed Medical Scholarship
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Love Family Scholarship in Medicine
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Jefferson County Medical Society Endowed Scholarship in Medicine
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W. Hudson Turner, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB National Alumni Society Dean's Scholarship
Edgar Smith Underwood, M.D., Endowed Medical Scholarship
University of Alabama Health Services Foundation Scholarship
University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association Endowed Medical Scholarship
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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

Birmingham Department Leadership

Dan E. Berkowitz, MB BCh, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering
Bradley Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology
Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine
Anindya Dutta, MD, PhD, Genetics
Craig J. Hoesley, MD, Medical Education
C. Seth Landefeld, MD, Medicine
Frances Lund, PhD, Microbiology
Craig Powell, MD, PhD, Neurobiology
David G. Standaert, MD, PhD, Neurology
James M. Markert, MD, MPH, Neurosurgery
Warner K. Huh, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Steven Theiss, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery (Interim),
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology
George Netto, MD, Pathology
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology
Danielle Powell, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Interim)
Adrienne Lahti, MD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology
James A. Bonner, MD, Radiation Oncology
Cheri L. Canon, MD, Radiology
Herb Chen, MD, Surgery
Dean G. Assimos, MD, Urology

Huntsville Department Leadership

Marcia Chesbro, MD, Family Medicine
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine
Steffane Battle, MD, Pediatrics
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

Tuscaloosa Department Leadership

Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
Grier Stewart, MD, Internal Medicine
Katherine Ikard, MD, Neuro logy
John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

Desiree Morgan, MD, Lead Mentor

Rishi Kashyap Devulapalli

Melissa Lyn Ebeling

Rachel Marie Frazier

Adam Jesse Hoesley

Garrett James Jebeles

Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

Hamad Malik Muhammad

Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

Henry Hamilton Smith T

Ataya Ni'celle Spears

Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

Abygayle Elizabeth Nelson

Andrew Boyd Price

William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

Lillie Grace Veazey

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hamilton Learning Community	**Harrison Learning Community**
Marissa Natelson Love, MD, Lead Mentor	Shaundra Blakemore, MD, Lead Mentor
Ashley Caraleah Archer	Peter G. Abdelmessih
Lindsay Dale James	Priyanka Ahuja
Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
Natalie Alexandra Dorin	Laura Catherine Wright Cresswell
Denver Russel Fuller	Jack Marlow Foster, Jr.
Spencer Gibbs	Kaysie Angel Freer
Evan Garrison Gross	Amayrani Garcia
Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
Brittany Renee Isaac	Hudson Honeywell
Emory Brennis Johnson	Madison Marie Jeziorski
Fizza Mahmood	Hunter Hobson Johnson, IV
Bipul Babu Mainali	Javier Kenichi Nishikawa
Jordan Henderson McGill	Cara Paige Parker
Bryan Richard Mortimer	Savannah Sally Petrus
Kimberly Laura Romanoff	Elisabeth Christine Pettibone
Veronica Michelle Smith	Eleanor Elizabeth Pitchford
Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
Lauren Nicole Usrey	

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

Cynthia Lauren Mims

Andrew Wilson Mitchell

Hailey Mody

Ashton Victoria Robinson

Benjamin Rush Rogers

Bethany May Sparks

Austin David Wall, III

Hannah Woodard

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

Benjamin Balcon Cage

Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

Anna Bremer Inman

John Michael Woods Kaylor

Stefan Kovac

Gnyata Bhavik Patel

Kelsey Elizabeth Schoenmeyer

Tanvee Sinha

JamesStallworth Jr.

David Marian Sylvester

Jordan Harrison Tzabari

Karen Yu Wang

Lyons Learning Community

Sherell Hicks, MD, Lead Mentor

Sameen Yasar-Bin Ali

Zachary Chase Ballinger

Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

Javier Alejandro Jurado Velez

Alyson Tudong Nguyen

Matthew Paul Oberkirch

Durga Luckshmy Prabhakar

James Franklin Roberson, II

Isaac Delain Robinson

Benjamin Tran

Bijal Girishkumar Vashi

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

McCallum Learning Community

Todd McCarty, MD, Lead Mentor

Amber Ann Bell

Meredith Leigh Burns

Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

Pallavi Iyer, MD, Lead Mentor

Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

Edward Huang

Javarus Humphries

Amy Rajesh Jasani

Kyle Robert Landers

Jimmy Logan Norris

Srivatsan Ponnazhagan

Mackenzie Quinn Porten

Federico Ivan Prokopczuk

Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

CLASS ENTERING 2021
BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

Luke Samuel Anderson

Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

Matthew Everett Dean

Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

William Paul Kretzschmar

Elizabeth Carter Marks

Nicholas Tate McCarthy

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Shahn Washington

MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Welcome to the 2021 White Coat Ceremony of the UAB School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the an important milestone in the process of study, preparation, and achievement of our students. We hope you find the ceremony both meaningful and memorable, as it reflects the combined efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni, and of course, our students and their families.

Safety and Courtesy

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and other devices prior to the start of the ceremony.

Please do not stand in or block the aisles.

Please note that flash photography is not allowed in the arena. A professional photographer will photograph each student shaking the dean's hand. Students will receive information about ordering photographs.

The White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to formally welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at 97 percent of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession.

The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

This event is made possible by support from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

About the Procession and Cloaking

The students will process in and be cloaked by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students to which are assigned upon entering medical school. Each You can learn more about the physicians for which the learning communities are named on pages 6-7. A list of students by learning communities can be found on pages 8-13

Students are cloaked by deans from the three regional campuses, or their designee.

Program

Procession*	Students and stage party
Welcome	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean
Opening Remarks	Christina J. Grabowski, PhD Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment Management
Greeting from the Medical Alumni Association	V. Michael Bivins, MD President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Craig Hoesley, MD Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Keynote Address	Hussein Abdul-latif, MD 2020 Faculty Recipient Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Presentation of Awards	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Presentation of Students for Cloaking	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Students
Cloaking of Students	

Recession*

Students and stage party

*If you are able, please stand.

**Students will be cloaked by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages 8-13 of this program.

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Marie-Carmelle Elie, MD, Emergency Medicine
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Huntsville Department Leadership

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Jennifer Clem, MD, Family Medicine
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John McDonald, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Heather Taylor, MD, Pediatrics
Il Gy Cho, MD, MD, Psychiatry
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

Learning Communities

Barfield-Carter Community
In 1945, Melson Barfield-Carter, M.D., became the first female faculty member at the School of Medicine and the first woman to be named a department chair (of the Department of Radiology). She also was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Barfield-Carter started the radiology residency training program and developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Students in the Barfield-Carter Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Finley Community
Wayne Finley, M.D., Ph.D., and Sara Crews Finley, M.D., became pioneers in the field of medical genetics when they co-founded the Laboratory of Medical Genetics, the first center of its kind in the Southeast, in 1962. The Finleys 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.

Students in the Finley Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Hamilton Community
Herschell Lee Hamilton, M.D., came to Birmingham in 1958 as its first African-American board-certified general surgeon. He was the first African-American to receive operating privileges at University Hospital. Hamilton earned his nicknames as the "Dog Bite Doctor" and the "Battle Surgeon" for his work helping injured activists during the civil rights movement.

Students in the Hamilton Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Harrison Community
Tinsley Harrison, M.D., served as dean of the School of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine. He helped recruit nationally known physicians from Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, among others. His special field of interest was cardiovascular medicine as well as the pathophysiological mechanisms of disease. Harrison is best known among physicians as the founding editor and editor-in-chief of the first five editions of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

Students in the Harrison Community, are assigned to the Huntsville campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

Hill Community
Longtime School of Medicine faculty member Samuel Richardson "Dick" Hill Jr., M.D., served as president of UAB from 1977 to 1986. Hill practiced internal medicine and endocrinology before coming to the Medical College of Alabama in 1954. He was appointed dean of the college in 1962 and remained there as it evolved into UAB, serving as vice president for health affairs and medical center director and director of the University of Alabama Medical Education Program. Hill recruited John Kirklin from the Mayo Clinic to chair the surgery department and Gene Bartow from UCLA to coach the university's first basketball team.

Students in the Hill Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Hirschowitz Community
Basil Hirschowitz, M.D., Ph.D., is a medical pioneer who, along with his colleagues, invented the first fiberoptic endoscope that became the standard for visualizing and treating virtually every cavity in the body. Hirschowitz dedicated his career to the study of diseases of the upper GI tract and published more than 350 papers, many related to ulcer disease. He was also a leader in clinical trials that were the forerunners to new pharmaceutical treatments in gastroenterology, paving the way for widespread use of medications known today as Pepcid, Prilosec, and Nexium.

Students in the Hirschowitz Community, are assigned to the Tuscaloosa campus for clinical training.

Kirklin Community
In the 1950s, while at the Mayo Clinic, John Kirklin, M.D., performed the world's first series of open heart operations using a heart-lung machine. Kirklin joined the UAB faculty in 1966 as chair of the Department of Surgery and the surgeon-in-chief for UAB Hospital. He held those positions until 1982 during which time he built one of the most prestigious cardiovascular surgical programs in the world.

Students in the Kirklin Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Lyons Community
Champ Lyons, M.D., arrived in Birmingham in 1950 to become the first full-time chair of surgery, a position he retained until his passing in 1965. That year, Lyons became one of the first faculty members to be named a distinguished professor. His major professional contributions were in the areas of surgical infections and vascular surgery.

Students in the Lyons Community, are assigned to the Montgomery campus for clinical training.

Learning Communities

McCallum Community
Charles "Scotty" McCallum Jr., DMD, M.D., came to Alabama in 1951 to complete a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery after earning his dental degree from Tufts College Dental School. He earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Alabama in 1957 and became dean of the School of Dentistry in 1962. He later served as vice president for health affairs and director of UAB Medical Center before becoming the third president of UAB in 1987. After stepping down as president, he was elected to two terms as mayor of Vestavia Hills beginning in 2000.

Students in the McCallum Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Oparil Community
Suzanne Oparil, M.D., is a renowned cardiologist and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. Her research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the development of novel treatments for hypertension, including ACE inhibitors. She has also made important discoveries about mediators of pulmonary hypertension and the role of estrogen in blood vessels. She is a distinguished professor of medicine and director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension Program at UAB.

Students in the Oparil Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

Pittman Community
As the UAB School of Medicine's longest-serving dean—19 years, from 1973 to 1992—James Pittman Jr., M.D., left an indelible mark. He was known for his ability to recruit and retain nationally and internationally renowned physicians and scientists. He is credited with restoring a four-year medical school curriculum, replacing the 35-month program that was in place when he became dean, and creating space in the academic cycle for students to pursue research and service activities.

Students in the Pittman Community, are assigned to the Birmingham campus for clinical training.

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Barfield Carter Learning Community

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Wenyun Jiang

Haley Michelle Katz

Erin Leigh LaGrone

Alexander Hutchinson Lee

Ian David Miranda

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Scott Nguyen

Lauren Victoria Odom

James Walker Phillips

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Madyson Grace Taylor

Halle Hope Thannickal

Michael Yi Ming Wang

Mckinley Rae Williams

Finley Learning Community

Pilar Acosta Lara, MD, Lead Mentor

Yolanda Amezaga

Cody Michael Anger

Devin Ray Dobbins

Kaitlyn Leigh Estes

Taylor Nicole Golden

Kayla Tai Hazelwood Charniaux

Sheena Khan

Jenna Lee McLaughlin

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William Hunter Scott

Anna Katherine Tankersley

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Chloe Carroll	Caleb Bush
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Kelsey Adele Hornbuckle	Cortney Lauren Haymon
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Bradley Tyler Thigpen	
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Hill Learning Community

Danielle Powell, MD, Lead Mentor

Virginia Sterling Hayley

Sean Edward Haskell

Margaret Lee Baldwin

Isabella Alonso Blair

Jamie Renee Davison

McKenzie Emma Foxall

Sarah Michelle Fuller

Hannah Margaret Goymer

Omar Hamid

Trinity Nicole Houston

William Christopher Illiano

Victoria Susan Jiminez

Samuel Johnson

Allen Joop

Tyler Lynd

Caleb Ryan McLachlan

Landon Joseph McNellage

Jared Luke Ridgeway

Salomon Alejandro Roman Soto

Hemant Srivastava

Anna Paige Wilson

Hirschowitz Learning Community

Stephanie Berger, MD, Lead Mentor

Brooks Neil Bergman

Amiria Pearl Blakely

Jackson Lee Broadfoot

Carla Danielle Brown

Anupa Devi Ghimire

Grace Abigail Glidden

Thomas Stewart Gwin

Irene Nancy Akoth Hufton

Brannan William Martens

Shelby Lyn Kaup McClellan

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Austin David Wall, III

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Kirklin Learning Community

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Lead Mentor

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Jessica Anne Graham

Kameron Anderson Hagerla

Samuel Benjamin Hayworth

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Diarra Lashae Bender

Julie Jacqueline Cunningham

Divya Goel

Hannah Lee Green

Jacob William Greenway

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Karen Joyce Carter

Marissa Hope Dogan

Riley Cain Taylor Duke

Zoe Nichole Fokakis

Elliott Dreyspring Herron

Benjamin Michael Honan

Luke Isaac Jones

Bradford J. Minor

Alisa Alexandria Mobley

Aneesh Pathak

Madeline Grace Ragland

Sarah Grace Trulove

Ian Timothy Tsekouras

Marie Louise Tucker

Joshua Daniel Waldeck

Ashley Brooke White

Oparil Learning Community

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Tommy Ralph McRae, III

Alecia Alto

Charles Edward Baker

Isha Chaudhary

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Sunya Reddy

Karthik Eyyani Sadanand

Andrew Zack Saddekni

John Andrew Soldner

Dakota Williams

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BY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Pittman Learning Community

Starr Steinhilber, MD, Lead Mentor

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Shaina Danielle Bolden

Ann Carol Braswell

Parker Tulaire Cobbs

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Clayton Farris

Gabriela Santos da Fonseca

Cole Davis Garrison

Jessica Morgan Jenkins

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MARTHA MYERS ROLE MODEL AWARD

Pink L. Folmar, Jr., M.D., MACP
2021 Martha Myers Role Model Award Recipient



Pink L. Folmar, Jr. MD, MACP, was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1967 with plans to go into medicine. His experiences around a kind and well-respected Birmingham doctor at a young age led him to his interest in a medical career. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham School of Medicine in 1972. After his internal medicine residency at UAB, he served as Chief Resident in 1975-76.

After completing his residency in 1976, Dr. Folmar joined Simon Williamson Clinic at Baptist Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, where he would practice primary care internal medicine for 29 years. Due to his interest in rural health disparities in 2005, he moved from Simon Williamson to begin a solo practice in Pike County, specifically Brundidge, Alabama, a town of 2500, which had not had a physician for several years. The challenge of such a practice in that community was daunting but rewarding. After five years at his Brundidge practice another internist took over to continue it, allowing Dr. Folmar to return to Birmingham.

Upon his return to Birmingham in 2010, he practiced urgent care and again developed a primary care practice with MedHelp, P.C. After retirement in early 2016 from direct patient care, he has continued to do clinical trial supervision for Phase 3 studies, including the COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen trials.

His passion for leadership and organized medicine has been demonstrated by his involvement with Simon Williamson Clinic, the Jefferson County Medical Society Board, the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine, the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, where he served on the board for 10 years from 1991 to 2001 and as President from 1999-2000; and the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2010 culminating in his time as President from 2015-2017. He is currently actively involved in leading the Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Committee with colleague, Dr. Richard D. deShazo.

The greatest satisfactions in his career in medicine have been: first, to care for patients long-term to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and to follow disease states to determine if effective care can alter progression of disease; second, to teach medical students and residents while at Baptist Princeton; and third, to mentor younger physicians to become involved with organized medicine and assume leadership roles.

Dr. Folmar has been married to his wife, Mim, for 52 years and together they have three children and six grandchildren, expecting a 7th grandchild in mid-August. They enjoy time together with their family and friends as well as their work on Mim's family property in Pike County, Alabama where they manage a 600 acre longleaf pine plantation. In retirement, Dr. Folmar has found forestry as a second profession.

He was nominated for this award by Dr. Richard deShazo, who stated in his nomination letter, "The characteristic behaviors Pink has always demonstrated are a high level of clinical competence with care delivered in a patient-centric, warm, and caring manner, just the way Martha did when I knew her. He is a born teacher, both to his patients and trainees; he respects and values all he meets with great humility and has always been willing to sacrifice his best interests for those of his patients."

To summarize his life's work and philosophy, Dr. Folmar shared, "We all should be looking daily for opportunities for purpose, to make the world a better place and to serve others. Looking back, this is what I have tried to do, whether it is maintaining a marriage and raising children, caring for patients and educating them about their medical conditions, teaching the science and bedside manner to residents and medical students, participating on committees and boards to better their purpose, or seeking out and encouraging younger people to participate in organized medicine so that they might make a difference in their generation."

About the Award
The Martha Myers Role Model Award was established in 2007 by the Medical Alumni Association to honor the life and service of Dr. Martha Myers, who was killed while serving on a medical mission in Yemen. The awards are intended to inspire generations of medical students by highlighting the accomplishments of physician alumni whose lives epitomize the ideal of service to their communities.

SARA CREWS FINLEY, MD, ENDOWED LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Desalyn Johnson
2021 Recipient of the Sara Crews Finley, M.D., Endowed Leadership Scholarship



Desalyn grew up in Huntsville where was surrounded by family members whose examples inspired her to pursue a career of service. Her fathered served his country in the military. Her mother served her students in the classroom. Her sister served her patients in the COVID ward. Amid their sacrifices, Desalyn has seen the determination and compassion with which they graciously served.

Desalyn attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences. During her time at UAH, she founded the Honors Diversity Initiative to promote cultural awareness and increase inclusion within the campus.

She continues to be passionate about diversity, equity and inclusion in medical school. She is a part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Mentor Program, the Underrepresented in Medicine Initiative, Patient Educator Program at M-Power, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students Mentor Program. She is proficient in Spanish and serves as a Spanish translator at Equal Access Birmingham.

Following in Dr. Sara Finley's footsteps, Desalyn hopes to further support her community through her passion for health equity. She was recently awarded an NIH National Research Service Award via the Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Trainee Program. This program will allow 12 months of dedicated time to research health disparities and she will earn a Master of Science in Public Health.

About the Award
Sara Crews Finley made an indelible mark as a pioneer in medicine at UAB. With her husband, Wayne H. Finley, MD, PhD, Class of 1960, she co-founded the first medical genetics program in the Southeast, and was co-director of the Laboratory of Medical Genetics at UAB for more than 30 years.

A native of Lineville, Alabama, she graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and the Medical College of Alabama (now the School of Medicine at UAB). Postgraduate training included an internship at Lloyd Noland Hospital, a three-year pediatric research fellowship at the Medical College of Alabama, and a traineeship at the Institute for Medical Genetics at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.

In 1960, she joined the School of Medicine faculty where she and Dr. Wayne Finley guided the medical genetics research, training and service program for 35 years. Dr. Finley served on the admissions committee for 20 years, and was the first female president of the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Finley left a powerful and enduring legacy. Not only was she a visionary leader in her field, she was also a wise, kind and generous mentor to countless students who aspired to succeed in and outside of the medical profession. She possessed a rare combination of political acumen, business savvy, scientific knowledge, and the desire to help others achieve their potential. Her family has established a generous scholarship in her name to support students who demonstrate those qualities. The recipient receives a full-tuition scholarship and a new white coat with special insignia.

BREWER-HESLIN ENDOWED AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN MEDICINE

Sharon A. Spencer, MD, Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology
2021 recipient of the Brewer-Heslin Endowed Award for Professionalism in Medicine



Dr. Spencer holds the Sharon A. Spencer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Translational Radiation Oncology. She's a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Chief of Medical Services in Radiation Oncology for UAB Hospital and a Senior Scientist in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also holds appointments in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences and Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

She is one of the world's experts in the management of Lung Cancer and Head and Neck Cancer She's spearheaded essential clinical trials in these areas, which have impacted the care of patients across the globe. Doing that work requires collaboration with other physicians and scientists to share knowledge and to translate at knowledge into patient care and into action.

Dr. Spencer has served as a leader on national guidelines committees for head and neck cancer treatments, acted as a leader on National Cancer Institute-designated protocol steering committees and serves her profession as a member of the workforce diversity task force for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She has served on countless committees at the national level and has been active on her department and our School level, giving her time, expertise and perspective to these efforts.

She collaborates with her colleagues across three cancer care facilities and coordinates care with leaders at the new Proton Therapy Center. She collaborates with her patients, designing personalized treatments for each of them. She is always willing to see an extra patient and sets a terrific example by never letting a patient wait to get into Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Spencer an outstanding physician. She has been a true servant to our patients at UAB for more than 30 years, providing excellent and compassionate care.

She was named a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology in 2000 and was awarded the American Cancer Society Life Inspiration Award in 2005.

About the Award
Established in 2015 by former Alabama Gov. Albert P. Brewer, the Brewer-Heslin Award recognizes faculty physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of professionalism in the areas of:

- Dedication to providing highly skilled and deeply compassionate medical care and supporting access to such care for all people.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, including honesty and integrity in all matters and respect for all members of the health care team, including the patient and his or her family.
- Responsibility for the patient's right to dignity, privacy and confidentiality within the bounds of law.
- Commitment to ethical principles related to the optimal provision of clinical care, and to seeking the talents and counsel of other health professionals when indicated.
- Dedication to lifelong learning through the pursuit of new knowledge, and to imparting such knowledge to physicians in training as well as to patients and the public.
- Responsibility for participating in activities that contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

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