

# **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

**1:00 pm**

## **TO OUR GUESTS**

Welcome to the 2020 Commencement Ceremony of the School of Medicine. Today's ceremony is the culmination of years of study, preparation, and achievement by our graduating 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.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **ABOUT THE PROCESSION**

Commencement begins with an academic procession. School of Medicine faculty and alumni will form a path through which the class will enter. The Path of Honor is a significant moment in which faculty and alumni recognize the accomplishments of the graduating students.

The students will process in by Learning Community. Learning communities are small groups students are assigned to upon entering medical school. Each learning community will be led by the faculty mentor, and gonfalon (banner) bearing the name of physician for which the community is named.

The audience should stand for the Procession.

## **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Otis W. Brawley, M.D., is the Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Oncology and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University. He is an authority on cancer screening and prevention and leads a broad interdisciplinary research effort focused on cancer health disparities at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is a member of the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Advisors and the National Academy of Medicine. His work focuses on how to close racial, economic, and social inequalities in the prevention, detection, and treatment of cancer. It is concentrated on the appropriate practice of evidence based medicine, efficiency in healthcare and the waste that occurs when there is not orthodox interpretation of science. Dr. Brawley was chief medical and scientific officer of the American Cancer Society from 2007 to 2018. He oversaw the largest private program funding cancer research in the US. From 2001 to 2007, he was director of the Georgia Cancer Center at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. From 2001 to 2018 he served as professor of hematology, oncology, medicine and epidemiology at Emory University. Among numerous awards, he was a Georgia Cancer Coalition Scholar and received the Key to St. Bernard Parish and the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Meritorious Service Medal for his work as a PHS Commissioned Officer in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He is also a recipient of the Department of Defense Uniformed Services University Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to military medical education and the 2019 American Medical Association Distinguish Service Award. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology and one of the few physicians to be named a Master of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Brawley is a graduate of University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. He completed an Internal Medicine residency at Case-Western Reserve University and a fellowship in Medical Oncology at the National Cancer Institute. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology.

## OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

I swear by that, which I hold most sacred that according to my ability I will keep this, my  
oath and covenant:

With purity and holiness, I will pass my life and practice my art.

As I labor in the places of healing, my first thoughts will be the life, happiness and health of  
my patients. To this end, I will try to treat my fellow physicians in this art as I wish them to  
treat me.

I will use my power to heal my patients to the best of my judgment. I will abstain from harm-  
ing or wronging anyone by it.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life.

Into whatever houses I enter, I will go into them for the benefit of my patients. And, whatso-  
ever I shall see or hear in the course of my profession, as well as outside my profession in my  
interactions with others, if it be what should not be published abroad,

I will not divulge, holding such things to be sacred.

For the sake of the sick, I will pursue knowledge of this art throughout the days of my life.

With eagerness, I will learn from my fellow physicians and with humility, I will share my  
knowledge with them. In respect for those who have led me into the paths of Medicine, I  
will lead those who follow me.

Should I transgress these promises, may my soul know no peace, but while I keep this oath  
inviolate, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, forever honored  
by all people.

## PROGRAM

Military Promotion Ceremony	10:00am
Commencement Ceremony	1:00pm
Procession with Path of Honor*	Students, Faculty & Alumni
Welcome & Opening Remarks	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS <i>Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean</i>
Class President's Address	Bruce Carlton Pittman, Jr. <i>President, Class of 2020</i>
Commencement Address	Otis W. Brawley, MD <i>Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, John Hopkins University</i>
School Awards	Craig Hoesley, MD <i>Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education</i>
Medical Alumni Association Leadership & Community Service Award	John Wheat, MD <i>President, University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association</i>
Awarding of Academic Hoods	Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS, Presiding
Hooding**	Craig Hoesley, MD  Kevin Leon, MD <i>Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education</i>  William Geisler, MD <i>Co-Director, Medical Scientist Training Program</i>
Reading of Names	Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD <i>Associate Dean for Students</i>
Oath of Hippocrates‡	Kerri Bevis, MD <i>2019 Recipient of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award</i>
Recession*	Students, Faculty & Alumni

\*Audience stand.

\*\*Students will be hooded by their learning community. A list of students by learning community can be found on pages xx of this program.

‡Physicians in the audience are invited to stand and recite the Oath with the faculty and students. A copy of the oath, can be found on page 4.

## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE LEADERSHIP**

### **Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean**

Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS

### **Senior Associate Deans**

Anupam Agarwal, MD, Executive Vice Dean  
Etty (Tika) Benveniste, PhD, Senior Vice Dean, Basic Sciences  
S. Dawn Bulgarella, MSHA, CPA, Administration & Finance  
Mona Fouad, MD, MPH, Diversity & Inclusion  
Craig Hoesley, MD, Medical Education  
Keith (Tony) Jones, MD, Clinical Affairs  
Robert P. Kimberly, MD, Clinical & Translational Research  
David Rogers, MD, MHPE, Faculty Affairs & Professional Development; Chief Wellness Officer

### **Associate Deans**

David Chaplin, MD, PhD, Faculty Development  
William A. Curry, MD, Rural Programs & Primary Care  
Victor M. Darley-USmar, PhD, Research  
Richard Friend, MD, Tuscaloosa Program  
Alice Goepfert, MD, Graduate Medical Education  
Christina J. Grabowski, PhD, Admissions and Enrollment Management  
Gustavo Heudebert, MD, Montgomery Program (Interim)  
Toni Leeth, MPH, Strategic Planning and Administration  
Kevin Leon, MD, Undergraduate Medical Education  
LaKisha Mack, MBA, Administration & Finance  
Michael Saag, MD, Global Health  
Roger D. Smalligan, MD, Huntsville Program  
Nicholas Van Wagoner, MD, PhD, Students

### **Assistant Deans**

Pam Bounelis, PhD, Biomedical Research  
Daniel Bullard, PhD, Undergraduate Biomedical Education  
Sandra Frazier, MD, Professional Development  
Caroline Harada, MD, Community Engaged Scholarship  
Todd Peterson, MD, Students  
Rubin Pillay, MD, PhD, Global Health  
Marjorie Lee White, MD, Clinical Simulation  
James H. Willig, MD, MSPH, Clinical Education  
Carlton Young, MD, Medical Student Diversity & Inclusion  
Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, International Medical Education

## **Birmingham Department Leadership**

Dan E. Berkowitz, MD, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine  
David M. Bedwell, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics  
Jay Zhang, MD, PhD, Biomedical Engineering  
Brad Yoder, PhD, Cell, Developmental & Integrative Biology  
Boni E. Elewski, MD, Dermatology  
Janyce Sanford, MD, Emergency Medicine  
Irfan M. Asif, MD, Family Medicine  
Gene Siegal, MD, PhD (Interim), 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  
Todd Jenkins, MD (Interim), Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Chris Girkin, MD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences  
Steven Theiss, MD (Interim), Orthopaedic Surgery  
William R. Carroll, MD, Otolaryngology  
George Netto, MD, Pathology  
Mitchell B. Cohen, MD, Pediatrics  
Mary-Ann Bjornsti, PhD, Pharmacology & Toxicology  
Amie Brown McLain, MD, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation  
James H. Meador-Woodruff, 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 Cheesbro, MD, Family Medicine  
John Fanning, MD, Internal Medicine  
Patrice Knight, MD, Pediatrics  
Clinton Martin, MD, Psychiatry  
Rony Najjar, MD, Surgery

## **Tuscaloosa Department Leadership**

Jane Weida, MD, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine  
Kristine Graettinger, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Karen Burgess, MD, Pediatrics  
Thadd Ulzen, MD, Psychiatry  
Joseph Wallace, MD, Surgery

## 2020 Class Officers

Bruce Carlton Pittman, Jr President  
Priyanka Keyur Patel , Vice President  
Carter Boyd, Treasurer

## Learning Community Representatives

Phillip Jackson Braswell, Barfield-Carter  
Anisha Nadine Khanijow, Barfield-Carter  
Tanner Lee Hallman, Finley  
Alan Dale Howard, Jr, Hamilton  
Charles Wesley Minor, Hamilton  
Dallas Cole Moran, Harrison  
Kaitlyn Marie Janssen, Harrison  
Taylor R Bono, Hill  
Storm Gloria McWhorter, Hirschowitz

Matthew Charles Anderson, Kirclin  
Jacob Dalton Owen, Kirclin  
Christopher Alan Johnson, Lyons  
Ashley Elizabeth Alexander, Lyons  
Trey Howard Richardson, McCallum  
Katherine Swint Barnes, Oparil  
Kacie Ray Oglesby, Oparil  
Briana Danielle Miller, Pittman  
Kellie Amber Mitchell, Pittman

## Alpha Omega Alpha

*A national medical honor society recognizing scholarship and professional attributes*

Amena Raja Alkeswani  
Matthew Charles Anderson  
Caroline Alicia Arata  
Luke Nathaniel Bailey  
Carter Joseph Boyd  
Chase Edward Cox  
Lily Anne Deng  
Alexander Robert Dombrowsky  
Brandon Michael Fox  
Forrest Nolan Gamble  
John Alan Gambil  
Zachary Louis Gentry  
Marius Jan Heersink  
Taylor Rhea Holmes  
Ibasaraboh Dorcas Iyegha  
Winston Branscomb Joe

James Dixon Johns  
Chace Barrett Mitchell  
Timothy Graham Norwood  
Kelsey Claire Patterson  
Trey Howard Richardson  
Joseph Xavier Robin  
Jacob Louis Roemen  
Leah Jo Schoel  
Julia Anita Schroeder  
Richard Eugene Seeber, II  
Dwight Mitchell Self, II  
Abigail McMurry Smith  
Kevin Michael Wall  
Brian Cole Westbrook  
John Thomas Wilson

## Gold Humanism Honor Society

*Excellence in clinical care, leadership, professionalism, compassion,*

Luke Nathaniel Bailey	Kaitlyn Marie Janssen	Timothy Graham Norwood
Josh Aaron Blackwell	James Dixon Johns	Priyanka Keyur Patel
Carter Joseph Boyd	Christopher Alan Johnson	Shejuti Paul
Katherine Marie Buddemeyer	Alana Christine Jones	Callie Arlene Perkins
Benjamin Nathaniel Burgess	Anisha Nadine Khanijow	Wilson Drew Ricketts
Pranaya Chilukuri	Allie Khodadadi	Joseph Xavier Robin
Suranjana Dey	Carson Elaine Perrella Klein	Barrie Lane Schmitt
Corey Grant Duke	Allison Jane Lazenby	Boppa Sushma
Jamal Kamel Egbaria	Gabrielle Kathleen Lindley	Katie Ruth Vines
Caroline Sellers Fuller	Sean Johnston McCarthy	Harriet Shardae Washington
Zachary Louis Gentry	Charles Wesley Minor	Brian Cole Westbrook
Hannah Rose Hashimi	Susmita Krishna Murthy	John Thomas Wilson
Alan Raymond Hsu	Jon Hyrum Neilson	

## Tinsley Harrison Society

Matthew Charles Anderson	Allison Jane Lazenby
Sellers Colton Boudreau	Johnston Lewis Moore
Carter Joseph Boyd	Kacie Ray Oglesby
Anna Elisabeth Brewton	Margaret Ruffner White Page
Catherine Kelsall Dodson	Callie Arlene Perkins
Jamal Kamel Egbaria	Joseph Xavier Robin
Zachary Louis Gentry	Dwight Mitchell Self, II
Winston Branscomb Joe	Todd Ryan Smolinsky
James Dixon Johns	Jameson Grant Daria Wiener
Alexandra Bahar Khodadadi	John Thomas Wilson

## Formal Academic Honors

### **Summa cum laude**

*(gold cord)*

Chase Edward Cox  
Winston Branscomb Joe  
Trey Howard Richardson

### **Magna cum laude**

*(green cord)*

Matthew Charles Anderson  
Carter Joseph Boyd  
Zachary Louis Gentry  
James Dixon Johns  
Timothy Graham Norwood  
Dwight Mitchell Self, II  
Abigail McMurry Smith

### **Cum laude**

*(white cord)*

Lily Anne Deng  
Alexander Robert Dombrowsky  
Forrest Nolan Gamble  
John Alan Gambriel  
Jacob Louis Roemen  
Leah Jo Schoel  
Richard Eugene Seeber, II  
Brian Cole Westbrook

## SCHOOL AWARDS

### **Hugh J. Dempsey Memorial Award**

Chase Edward Cox

*Highest overall academic achievement*

### **Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award**

Recipients will be announced during ceremony

Sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation

*In recognition of the value of humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families*

## UAB DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

### **William Boyd Medal**

Presented by the Alabama Association of Pathologists and the Department of

Pathology *Exceptional performance in Pathology*

Vincent Albert Laufer

### **Endocrine Society Medical Student Achievement Award**

*Exceptional ability and interest in Endocrinology*

Mary Margaret Barr

### **Wilfred F. Holderfer Memorial Award**

*Excellence in Emergency Medicine*

Grace Ann Johnson

### **Robert Goodloe McGahey Memorial Award**

*Excellence in Anesthesiology*

Andrew William Pickering

**Chi-Tsou Huang Award**

*Excellence in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*  
Alexandra Meg Fry

**Lanning B. Kline Award**

*Excellence in Ophthalmology*  
Marius Jan Heersink

**Robert J. Stanley Award**

*Excellence in Radiology*  
Winston Branscomb Joe

**Emily F. Omura Award**

*Excellence in Dermatology*  
Abigail McMurry Smith

**BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS AWARDS**

**Dean's Award**

*Superior performance in the clinical curriculum*  
Trey Howard Richardson

**Battle S. Searcy Memorial Award**

*Excellence in Psychiatry*  
Neveen Edward Youssef

**Bruce A. Harris, Jr. Award**

*Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
Zachary Louis Gentry

**Samuel Clements Little Award**

*Excellence in Neurology*  
Felicia Rabey Hataway

**American Academy of Neurology Award**

*Excellence in Neurology*

Trey Howard Richardson

**Robert J. Cerfolio Award**

*Excellence in Surgery*

Leah Jo Schoel

**Mary T. Hawn Award**

*Excellence in Surgery*

Mackenzie Nettlow Abraham

**Richard Stahl Award**

*Excellence in Surgery*

Clarence Haddon Mullins, IV

**Elizabeth Beierle Award**

*Excellence in Surgery*

Joseph Matthew Ladowski

**G. Gayle Stephens Award**

*Excellence in Family Medicine*

Joshua Aaron Blackwell

**Veterans Affairs Service Award**

*Excellence in Medicine*

Arielle Eve Abovich

**Paul A. Palmisano Award**

*Excellence in Pediatrics*

Kevin Michael Wall

**Tinsley R. Harrison Award**

*Excellence in Internal Medicine*

Brian Cole Westbrook

## **HUNTSVILLE CAMPUS AWARDS**

### **Dean's Award**

*Superior performance in the clinical curriculum*

John Chaeho Ahn

### **Exemplary Academic Performance**

*Excellence in the clinical curriculum*

Julia Anita Schroeder

### **Leadership Award**

*Academic excellence and leadership ability*

Charles Wesley Minor

### **G. Gayle Stephens Award**

*Excellence in Family Medicine*

Phillip Reid Ingram Jr.

### **J. Ellis Sparks Award**

*Excellence in Internal Medicine*

Sawyer Lynn Mullen

### **John Di Placido Award**

*Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology*

John Chaeho Ahn

### **John R. Montgomery Award**

*For outstanding achievement in Pediatrics*

Mary Margaret Barr

### **Charles Selah Award**

*Excellence in Surgery*

Jaime Alejandro Peña-Garcia

**Award in Psychiatry**

*Excellence in Psychiatry*

Martha Anna Chodaba

**Award in Neurology**

*Excellence in Neurology*

Luke Nathaniel Bailey

**MONTGOMERY CAMPUS AWARDS**

**The Dean's Award**

*Superior Performance in the Clinical Curriculum*

Ibasaraboh Dorcas Iyegha

**Samuel J. Saliba Award**

*Excellence in Family Medicine*

Clinton Taylor Kilcrease

**J. J. Kirschenfeld Award**

*Excellence in Internal Medicine*

Clinton Taylor Kilcrease

**Hamp H. Greene III Award**

*Excellence in Neurology*

Gabrielle Lindley

**John M. Ashurst, Jr. Award**

*Excellence in Obstetrics & Gynecology*

Pranaya Hasini Chilukuri

**Thomas "Buddy" Nolan Award**

*Excellence in Pediatrics*

Katelyn Nichole Purvis

**A. Almon Ward Award**

*Excellence in Psychiatry*

James Edward Bryant, Jr

**Harry Jackson Till Award**

*Excellence in Surgery*

Kelly Lorraine Stone

**Outstanding Educator Award**

*Chosen by the Graduating Class of 2020*

Robert E. Engles, MD

**TUSCALOOSA CAMPUS AWARDS**

**Scholastic Achievement Award**

*Superior performance in the clinical curriculum*

Leah Jo Schoel

**William R. Willard Award**

*Outstanding contribution to the goals and mission of the College of Community Health Sciences  
as voted by the College faculty; established by the Bank of Moundville*

Sean Johnston McCarthy

**Robert F. Gloor Award in Community Medicine**

*Excellence in Community and Rural Medicine*

Jayla Ann Robinson

**William Owings Award in Family Medicine**

*Excellence in Family Medicine*

Jayla Ann Robinson

**William Winternitz Award in Internal Medicine**

*Excellence in Internal Medicine during the third and fourth years*

Taylor Rhea Holmes

**Finney/Akers Memorial Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology**

*Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Allison Jane Lazenby

Margaret Ruffner White Page

**Pediatrics Recognition Award**

*Outstanding interest, ability, and the reflection of pleasure in helping parents and their children reach their full personal, social, and educational potential*

Kevin Michael Wall

**James H. Akers Memorial Award**

*Dedication to the art and science of medicine*

Carson Elaine Perella Klein

Johnson Dallas Pounders

**Peter Bryce Award in Psychiatry**

*Excellence in the Psychiatry clerkship*

Brooke Harwell Becker

Jordan Kaitlyn Merrels

**William R. Shamblin Surgery Award**

*Superior achievement in the Surgery clerkship*

Alex Ryan Heatherly

**Neurology Award**

*Excellence in the Neurology clerkship*

Barrie Lane Schmitt

**Student Research Award**

*In recognition of the pursuit of research projects leading to a presentation or publication*

Brooke Harwell Becker

**Interprofessional Excellence Award**

Alysha Mirza Lakhani

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

### CLASS OF 2020

**Arielle Eve Abovich**

Johns Hopkins Hospital, Internal Medicine

**Mackenzie Nettlow Abraham**

UAB Medical Center, Surgery

**John Chaeho Ahn**

UAB Medical Center, Anesthesiology

**Olamide Adedeji Alakija‡****Ashley Elizabeth Alexander**

University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Preliminary Surgery

**Amena Raja Alkeswani**

University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Dermatology

**Matthew Charles Anderson**

Prisma Health - Upstate/University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Orthopaedic Surgery

**Shima Dowla Anwar††**

PHENOTYPIC CHARACTERISTICS AND DIETARY TREATMENT OF PEDIATRIC NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE

**Caroline Alicia Arata**

Baylor University Medical Center, Diagnostic Radiology

**Emily Kennedy Armour**

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology

**Anooshah Ejaz Ata**

University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, Neurology

**Kristine Ann Pandi Austriaco**

Pennsylvania State Hershey Medical Center, Pediatrics

**Luke Nathaniel Bailey**

UAB Medical Center, Otolaryngology

**Erin Kyle Baldwin**

New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Obstetrics/Gynecology-Preliminary

**Charles Adam Banks**

UAB Medical Center, Vascular Surgery

**Andrew Tyler Barnes**

Mercer University School of Medicine/Medical Center of Central Georgia, Surgery

**Mary Margaret Barr**

Emory University School of Medicine, Pediatrics

**Brooke Harwell Becker**

University of North Carolina Hospitals, Psychiatry

**Lauren Taylor Beggs‡**

University of Alabama School of Medicine - Huntsville, Family Medicine

**Joshua Cole Bell**

UAB Medical Center, Pediatrics

**Luke Reagan Bishop**

WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

**Joshua Aaron Blackwell**

John Peter Smith Hospital, Family Medicine

**Sellers Colton Boudreau**

University of Louisville School of Medicine, Surgery

**Carter Joseph Boyd**

New York University Grossman School of Medicine, Plastic Surgery

**Phillip Jackson Braswell††****Anna Elisabeth Brewton**

University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology

**James Edward Bryant, Jr.**

UAB Medical Center, Psychiatry

**Katherine Marie Buddemeyer**

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Obstetrics/Gynecology

**Benjamin Nathaniel Burgess**

Naval Medical Center San Diego, Emergency Medicine

**Pranaya Hasini Chilukuri**

University of Kentucky Medical Center, Obstetrics/Gynecology

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**Martha Anna Chodaba**

Indiana University School of Medicine, Internal Medicine

**Tyler Bryant Colvin**

UAB Medical Center, Internal Medicine

**Jenny Colleen Combs**

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Tulsa,  
Psychiatry

**Chase Edward Cox**

University of North Carolina Hospitals, Surgery

**Nicholas J.P. Dahlgren**

Prisma Health-Upstate/University of South Carolina  
School of Medicine, Surgery

**Chad Wesley Dammling**

UAB Medical Center, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

**Brooke Helen Davis**

Broward Health Medical Center, Surgery

**Lily Anne Deng**

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Pediatrics

**Suranjana Dey**

Ohio State University Medical Center, Medicine-  
Pediatrics

**Daniel Brian Dix**

UAB Medical Center, Anesthesiology

**Philip William Dockery****Catherine Kelsall Dodson**

University of California Davis Medical Center, Obstetrics/  
Gynecology

**Alexander Robert Dombrowsky**

Carolinas Medical Center, Orthopaedic Surgery

**Benjamin Scott Ervin Echols**

Westchester Medical Center, Neurology

**Jamal Kamel Egbaria**

UAB Medical Center, Anesthesiology

**Chason Garrett Farnell**

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Surgery

**Sarah Elizabeth Fleisher**

UAB Medical Center, Pediatrics

**Ashley Danielle Ford**

University of Alabama School of Medicine - Huntsville,  
Family Medicine

**Andrew David Fowler**

University of Arkansas College of Medicine, Pediatrics

**Brandon Michael Fox**

St. Joseph's Hospital, Neurological Surgery  
NOVEL MEDIATORS OF THE BLOOD PRESSURE RESPONSE  
TO ACUTE PSYCHOSOCIAL STRESS IN HEALTH AND DIS-  
EASE

**Sara Elizabeth Frese**

Baylor College of Medicine, Pediatrics

**Alexandra Meg Fry**

Beaumont Health, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

**Caroline Sellers Fuller**

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Pediatrics

**Forrest Nolan Gamble**

Duke University Medical Center, Internal Medicine

**John Alan Gambriel**

Ohio State University Medical Center, Medicine-  
Pediatrics

**Zachary Louis Gentry**

UAB Medical Center, Obstetrics/Gynecology

**Kyle Chambless Glisson**

Louisiana State University School of Medicine - New Orle-  
ans, Pediatrics

**Stephen Douglas Gragg**

Christiana Care, Medicine-Emergency Medicine  
RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE MYELOMA

**Jordan J. Grove**

San Antonio Uniform Services Health Education Consorti-  
um Military Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

**Judi Hakim††****Andrew Alexander Hardigan**

Duke University Medical Center, Neurological Surgery  
APPLICATIONS OF NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING AND  
FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS IN TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE

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**Kathleen Elaine Harris**

Brookwood Baptist Health, Preliminary Surgery

**Sally Anna Harrison**

HealthONE, Internal Medicine

**Hannah Rose Hashimi**

University of Washington Medical Center, Preliminary Medicine

University of Washington Medical Center, Ophthalmology

**Felicia Rabey Hataway**

UAB Medical Center, Neurology

**Alex Ryan Heatherly**

UAB Medical Center, Orthopaedic Surgery

**Marius Jan Heersink**

Mount Carmel Health System, Transitional Wills Eye Hospital, Ophthalmology

**Jeffrey Justin Hicks‡****Taylor Rhea Holmes**

University of North Carolina Hospitals, Internal Medicine

**Kenneth Taylor Holt**

Brookwood Baptist Health, Surgery

**Rachel Elizabeth Honan**

Louisiana State University School of Medicine - Baton Rouge, Internal Medicine

**Alan Dale Howard, Jr.**

University of North Carolina Hospitals, Neurology

**Milza Catherine Opper Howard**

University of North Carolina Hospitals, Psychiatry

**Alan Raymond Hsu**

University of Mississippi Medical Center, Anesthesiology

**Lesley Chisom Ifediba††****Phillip Reid Ingram, Jr.**

University of Alabama School of Medicine - Huntsville, Family Medicine

**Ibasaraboh Dorcas Iyegha**

University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Pediatrics

**Kaitlyn Marie Janssen**

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Anesthesiology

**Winston Branscomb Joe**

Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Transitional Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Diagnostic Radiology

**James Dixon Johns**

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Otolaryngology

**Christopher Alan Johnson**

University of Alabama School of Medicine - Huntsville, Family Medicine

**Grace Ann Johnson**

UAB Medical Center, Emergency Medicine

**Jarvis Jamal Johnson‡**

Prisma Health - Midlands/University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Family Medicine

**Savannah Nicole Johnson**

Baptist Outreach Services, Family Medicine

**Samuel Thomas Johnston††****Taylor Blaine Jordan**

University of Louisville School of Medicine, Emergency Medicine

**Pegah S. Kannar****Alex Louis Kearns**

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Regional Centers, Family Medicine

**Anisha Nadine Khanijow**

University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Obstetrics/Gynecology

**Alexandra Bahar Khodadadi**

Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Internal Medicine

**Clinton Taylor Kilcrease**

Baptist Outreach Services, Family Medicine

**Carson Elaine Perrella Klein**

Texas A&M University, Family Medicine

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#### **Jamie Leigh Kuck**

Emory University School of Medicine, Emergency Medicine

#### **Adarsh K. Kulkarni**

UAB Medical Center, Pediatrics

#### **Joseph Matthew Ladowski**

Duke University Medical Center, Surgery  
AN INVESTIGATION OF SLA CCLASS II AS A XENOANTIGEN

#### **Alyshah Mirza Lakhani**

Nationwide Children's Hospital, Pediatrics

#### **Vincent Albert Laufer**

University of Michigan Hospitals, Pathology  
GENETIC INFLUENCES ON RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS IN  
GLOBAL POPULATIONS

#### **Allison Jane Lazenby**

Louisiana State University School of Medicine - New Orleans, Obstetrics/Gynecology

#### **Whitney Nicole Lee**

University of Alabama School of Medicine - Huntsville, Family Medicine

#### **Gabrielle Kathleen Lindley**

Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Neurology

#### **Roxanne Marie Lockhart**

UAB Medical Center, Neurology

#### **Morgan Lee Locy**

UAB Medical Center, Internal Medicine/Research  
THE OXIDATIVE TYROSINE MODIFICATION, O,O'-  
DITYROSINE, IN LUNG DISEASE

#### **Bigyan B. Mainali**

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Surgery

#### **Russell G. Marsh**

St. Vincent's East, Family Medicine

#### **Jacob Dean Mayfield**

UAB Medical Center, Anesthesiology

#### **Sean Johnston McCarthy**

Madigan Army Medical Center, Transitional

#### **Matthew Scott McCay**

UAB Medical Center, Neurology

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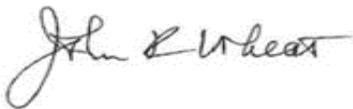
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