

MSHA & PHD NEWS

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Save These Dates:

- **02/07/08:** Chuck Stokes will deliver the Annual L.R. Jordan Distinguished Lecture. (Birmingham, AL)
- **03/11/08:** ACHE Reception (Chicago, IL)
- **7/21/08 — 07/26/08:** 28th National Symposium for Healthcare Executives (Sandestin, FL.)

TEAMBUILDING ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT

During 2007, the Department of Health Services Administration has embarked upon a number of teambuilding initiatives for faculty, staff and students.

In early August, the HSA faculty and staff attended a fun-filled event at Culinard, the Culinary Institute for Virginia College. Those who attended were divided into two teams and sent to the gourmet kitchens to prepare a dinner. Culinard's Executive Chefs supervised each group's progress towards creating a delicious meal. Teams learned the importance of listening, communicating and working together to accomplish a goal — preparing edible food in an allotted time period. The Executive MSHA students also experienced "Culinard" teambuilding (see pictures page 6).

MSHA Class 43's orientation was completely overhauled to place more emphasis on team-building skills. The Alabama 4-H Center served as the new venue for orientation. The class experienced a low ropes course, an "Amazing



(Above): Departmental faculty and staff at Culinard.

Race" event that included using a handheld GPS instru-



ment to locate items throughout the 4-H campus, scaled a 25 foot climbing wall and catapulted 200 feet in the air (not for the faint of heart). Class 43 watched "The Patient" as a reminder of why

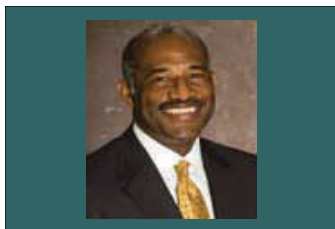
we are all in health care.

David Wilson (Class 23), CEO of Shelby Baptist, spoke to the incoming students and then orientation concluded with each student's PowerPoint presentation.

It was an exciting and memorable orientation and a great beginning to the new year. More teambuilding initiatives will continue over the following semesters.

STORY IS 2007 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Holding a bachelor of arts from Cornell University, a master of arts from the University of Chicago and a master of science in hospital and health administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, **Otis L. Story, Sr. (Class 13)** has close to 30 years of health-care experience. As a leader in fi-



(Above): Otis L. Story, Sr.

ancial turnarounds and performance improvement for hospitals, health systems and academic medical centers, Story has successfully directed acquisition strategies, provider network expansions, medical school relations, workforce development, expense and labor cost reductions, and facility expansions.

Prior to joining Grady Health System as president and CEO in May of 2007, Mr. Story worked for Huron Consulting Group where he served as the interim executive director at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Centers. He also served as interim president and CEO at Shands Jacksonville Medical Center and as EVP/COO at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Ga. Additionally,

Story was associate executive director at The Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, the COO at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and assistant administrator at UAB. He started his career in 1978 at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans. Story is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the National Association of Health Services Executives.

Otis has attended all 27 National Symposiums for Healthcare Executives and served on the GPHA Board. We are proud of his accomplishments! A gift will be made in his honor to the MSHA 35th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship Fund.

A bound copy of the GPHA Alumni Directory will be included with each paid 2008 alumni membership. Help us reach our membership goal next year!

GPHA Officers and Board 2007-2009

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Lance Duke (1982)
President & CEO Hospital Division
Columbus Regional Healthcare System
Columbus, GA

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James R. Burkhart, FACHE (1979)
President and Administrator
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President and Chief Executive Officer
Cardinal Hill Healthcare System
Lexington, KY

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Perry White (1995)**
Senior Vice President
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Brenita Crawford (1978)
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Memphis, Tennessee

Brian Matson (1992)
Vice President, Strategic Planning
Sacred Heart Hospital
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President/CEO
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Associate Administrator
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Tucson, Arizona

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Director of Public Affairs
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Nashville, Tennessee

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Vice President
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Vice President
Healthways
Nashville, Tennessee

Thomas Steiner (1997)
Vice President
Springhill Memorial Hospital
Mobile, Alabama

Brian Massey (2003)
Consultant - Advisory Services
ADAMS Management Services
Birmingham, Alabama

Leticia Towns (1993)
Vice President
Government Relations
Grady Health System
Atlanta, Georgia

**New Members

TWO FACULTY HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION

Two faculty in the UAB (University of Alabama at Birmingham) School of Health Professions were honored by the American Health Information Management

Association for achievement in health information management. The annual awards were made at AHIMA's 79th Convention in Philadelphia.

Sara Grostick, M.A., RHIA, FAHIMA, associate professor of health information management, is the recipient of the 2007 Educator award. Grostick was honored for her leadership in transitioning UAB's traditional HIM program into an online/distance program that met the needs of students. She also played a key role in developing a graduate-level

program in health informatics. Grostick was also the co-editor of the textbook *Health Information: Management of a Strategic Resource*.

Shannon Houser, Ph.D.,

longitudinal patient follow up for various diseases and conditions.

AHIMA is the leading professional association for health information management rep-



Above: Sara Grostick, MA, RHIA, FAHIMA



Above: Shannon Houser, PhD

MPH, RHIA, assistant professor of health information management, received the 2007 Research award. Well-known within and beyond the HIM profession, Houser is engaged in many professional activities. Houser serves the profession as a scholar and professor in UAB's HIM program. In addition to her teaching duties, Houser is co-investigator of three research projects related to HIM methodologies and

representing more than 51,000 specially educated and certified professionals, working throughout the healthcare industry. HIM professionals serve healthcare and the public by managing, analyzing, and utilizing data vital for health system management.

Reprinted from AHIMA Press Release.

REPORT FROM THE GPHA ANNUAL MEETING

Sandestin, FL: The Annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Graduate Programs in Health Administration (GPHA) occurred on August 2, 2007. Major business items included the presentation of the Outstanding Student Awards, update on membership drive and a motion to support the MSHA Classic as the Goody Bag Sponsor. The Board recommended meeting more times during

the year. Award recipients included:



(L-R): Brent McLean and Jim Burkhart.

•Tom Sanders, PhD, Outstanding PhD Student

•Melanie Salsgiver (E 42), Outstanding Executive MSHA Student

•Brent McLean (Class 42), Outstanding Residential Student and

•Kyle Ahern, Highest Scholastic Achievement Award. (Class 41)

In addition, Larry Throneberry's contributions and service to the Alumni Association were recognized when he received the Past President's Award.

Correction to Spring/Summer 2007 Newsletter:

UAB's Department of Health Services Administration has had not two but **three** alumni win the Hudgens' Award for Young Administrator of the Year:

1. Lloyd Cannedy (Class 2) in 1979
2. John Casey (Class 5) in 1981 and
3. Jessie Tucker, PhD in 2007

Students Enrolled in the Master of Science in Health Administration—Class 43

CLASS MEMBER	COLLEGE	MAJOR	HOMETOWN
Kevin Brantley	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Nursing	Hueytown, AL
Stephanie Bulle	University of Tennessee	Psychology	Kingsport, TN
Sarah Dudley	Auburn University	Biomedical Sciences	Auburn, AL
Heath Evans	University of Central Florida	Health Services Administration	Panama City, FL
Chris Ferguson	University of South Alabama	CT/Management	Mobile, AL
Oliviya Floyd	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Health Information Management	Pensacola, FL
Jenny Friedman	University of Texas	Psychology	Houston, TX
Rett Grover	University of Alabama	Biology	Huntsville, AL
Elizabeth Haddock	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Biology	Birmingham, AL
Michael Hall	Brigham Young University	Sociology	Batavia, IL
Lee Hammonds	University of Alabama	Accounting	Sylacauga, AL
Ron Hamner	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Respiratory Therapy	Tuscaloosa, AL
Konrad Holt	Middle Tennessee State University	Economics	Fairview, TN
Tripp Johnson	University of Alabama	Health Care Management	Mobile, AL
Linda Kim	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Public Relations	Dothan, AL
David King	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Marketing	Vestavia Hills, AL
Dana Lester	Auburn University	International Business	Marietta, GA
Sarah Martin	University of Alabama	Health Care Management	Birmingham, AL
Taylor McClain	Auburn University	Biomedical Sciences	Decatur, AL
Jessica Meuchel	University of Alabama	Management/ Spanish	Birmingham, AL
Jackie Osborne	Utah Valley State College	Behavioral Science	Provo, UT
Ryan Oss	Oklahoma State University	Psychology	McAlester, OK
Steve Price	University of Utah	Exercise Physiology	Salt Lake City, UT
Chris Price	Auburn University	Communication	Birmingham, AL
Parrish Prudhome	Louisiana Tech University	Accounting	Shreveport, LA
Ashley Rhea	Oklahoma State University	Finance	Tulsa, OK
Erin Roberts	Mississippi State University	Biomedical Engineering	
Chris Sale	Louisiana State University Millsaps College	MBA Business Administration	Shreveport, LA
Megan Schrimsher	University of Alabama	Health Care Management	Madison, AL
Reginald Sennie	Troy State University University of Maryland	Master in Public Administration Information Systems	St. Louis, MO
Alice Sharp	Presbyterian College	Business Administration	Mobile, AL
Martin Smith	University of Alabama	Health Care Management	Tuscaloosa, AL

MSHA Class 43 Leadership

Class President:	David King	Chair, MSHA Classic:	Parrish Prudhome
VP, Finance:	Sarah Dudley	Director of Sponsorships:	Reginald Sennie
VP, Philanthropy:	Steven Price	Director of Logistics:	Jackie Osborne
VP, External Relations:	Tripp Johnson	Director of Marketing:	Lee Hammonds
VP, Social Relations:	Taylor McClain		

MAKING STAYS BETTER WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL

Birmingham, AL: Class 43 is off to a great start with their philanthropy activities. According to Steven Price, VP of Philanthropy, they have focused on the patients at Children's Hospital of Alabama this fall and participated in a number of volunteer initiatives to help.

The first class project was the HOGS Teddy Bear Ride. Over 400 Harley riders donated teddy bears to the patients at Children's Hospital.



Class 43 has already

donated enough money to the Jimmie Hale Mission to supply 20 individuals with a

Thanksgiving dinner. Some students will meet the

morning of Thanksgiving in combination with Meals on Wheels to deliver those meals to older folks and shut-ins.

For their Christmas service project, Class 43 will be donating supplies to Children's Hospital to use in their Activity Rooms. After the Turkey Painting activity, they saw a need to provide

resources for more crafts and games in the Activity Rooms. The Activity Rooms provide a much-needed

distraction from the reasons the kids are in the hospital.



EXTRA SPECIAL "FRIDAY FIELD TRIP"

On Friday, November 16th, all members of Dr. Houser's HA 602 class and seven faculty members traveled to Tupelo, Mississippi to visit North Mississippi Medical Center.

John Heer, FACHE, President and CEO of North Mississippi Health Services, welcomed everyone to the facility. Then, **Chuck Stokes (Class 17)**, FACHE, President of North Mississippi Medical Center, shared with the class NMMC's Journey to Excellence and their relentless focus on improving the delivery of health care services. They have focused on five critical success factors: People, Service, Quality, Financials and Growth.

On their journey to excellence (and it is not over), NMMC's earned the distinction of becoming a 2006 Malcolm

Baldrige Quality Award winner in the health care category. Mr.



(L-R): John Kueven and Chuck Stokes.

Stokes also shared with the group valuable advice about a career in health administration.

Dr. Michael O'Dell (E 39), Director of Family Practice Residency Programs, spoke about the impact of their family medicine clinic and Dr. Ken Davis, Chief Medical Officer, shared his vision for physician integration and quality. Then,

Rodger Brown (E 36), Vice President for Human Resources, shared NMMC's plan for employee engagement.

Following lunch, the class toured the North Mississippi Medical Center campus to understand the breadth and depth of services offered.

A special thanks to **John Kueven (Class 41)** for coordinating the events and speakers during the field trip and also to the leadership and staff at NMMC for making the UAB students and faculty feel so welcome. It was an honor to see this extraordinary health care organization.

The excitement did not end after the tour in Tupelo. On the way home, the tour bus began "smoking" and small flames were reported. The bus was forced to pull over until a replacement bus could arrive. This only added to the memories of this particular Friday Field Trip.

Executive MSHA E 43 / Class of 2009

Christopher M. Brainard
Director of Marketing
Forrest City Medical Center
Forrest City, AR

Jerry T. McKnight, M.D.
Professor, Dept. of Family Practice
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL

Robert C. Brunner, M.D.
Associate Chief of Staff
UAB Hospital
Birmingham, AL

Philip E. Raper
Member Services Supervisor
NMMC Wellness Center
Tupelo, MS

John X. Carrier, III
Assistant Controller
Rush Foundation Hospital
Meridian, MS

Warren M. Smedley
Vice President, Physician Development
St. Vincent's Health System
Birmingham, AL

Phillip S. Denny
Primary Care Sales Assistant
Schering-Plough Corp.
Nolensville, TN

Theresa Walker
Sr. Executive Assistant
Corporate Strategic Development
St. Vincent's Health System
Birmingham, AL

David N. Friloux
Director, Acute & Home Health Rehab
North Mississippi Medical Center
Tupelo, MS

If you would like to be included in the Job Leads Distribution List or would like to post a job within the listing, then send your name and email address to:

Dr. O'Connor
sjo@uab.edu



1st Place Team with their meal.



Teambuilding with members of E 42 and E 43 at Culinard in September.

EXECUTIVE MSHA STUDENTS TRAVEL TO TORONTO

Toronto, Canada: Executive MSHA students (Class E41), along with Dr. Hernandez, visited Toronto to explore the Canadian Health system. Students heard presentations from Professors Tina Smith, A. Paul Williams, and Ross Baker (University of Toronto) as well as Elizabeth Wenghofer (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario), Barb LeBlanc (Ontario Medical Association), and Willem Wassenaar (Pharmacy Canada).

Topics included Canada's Health Care System from a Global Perspective, Physician Human Resources and Performance, Quality and Patient Safety, Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice, and Key Opportunities and Challenges for Ontario's Hospitals. Students also had the opportunity to visit the Hospital for Sick Children.



Seated (L-R): Melanie Salsgiver and Maggie Emanuelli.
2nd Row (L-R): Dr. Hernandez, Eric Walker, Teresa Estep, Yolanda Walker, Carlos Brown, Jennifer Philpot, Al Faulk, and Karen Fields.

A VARIETY OF FUNDING SOURCES EASE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF GRADUATE SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that two Class 42 MSHA students received nationally-competitive scholarships from ACHE. Christopher Cullom received the Albert W. Dent Scholarship and Joseph Yoder won the Foster G. McGaw Student Scholarship. Congratulations to both! We are very fortunate to be able to award scholarships through the generous support of our alumni in the form of endowed scholarships, the School of Health Professions and ACHE. These awards enable us to recruit the best students to our MSHA Program.

- Health Services Administration Endowed Scholarship: Steven Price and Martin Smith
- Robert C. Chapman Endowed Scholarship: Stephanie Bulle, Elizabeth Haddock and Megan Schrimsher
- 25th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship: Chris Ferguson, Lee Hammonds, Ron Hamner, Dana Lester, Jessica Meuchel, Jackie Osborne, Chris Price, Erin Roberts, Mary Chris Becker, Tori Burden, David Henry, Chris Hughes, Sarah Johnston, Matt Pearson, and Brad Tate
- Jon E. Vice Scholarship: Ashley Dutton, Mackenzie Ferguson, Katie Galloway, Ken Hwang, and Brent McLean
- Richard Lind Endowed Scholarship: Heath Evans, Parrish Prudhome, Jenny Friedman, Michael Hall, Konrad Holt, Linda Kim, David King, Taylor McClain, Ryan Oss, Steven Price, Ashley Rhea, and Chris Sale
- Michael Garrigan Endowed Scholarship: Tripp Johnson
- Robert Zasa Endowed Scholarship: Sarah Martin
- Kenneth Roan Endowed Scholarship: Kevin Brantley
- Scott Braxton Ryland Endowed Scholarship: Ashley Rhea
- Dean's Minority Scholarship: Andres Arciniegas, Minh Dang and Eddie Davis
- Dean's Merit Scholarship: Kyle Armstrong and Jessica Bodner
- School of Health Professions' Diversity Scholarship: Oliviya Floyd

“Closely examining the Canadian system allowed students to see how similar yet different the management issues are between our two countries.”

*S. Robert Hernandez,
DrPH*

MSHA and PhD Alumni Updates (as of November 1, 2007)

Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, State)
5	J. Craig Honaman	Received the Senior Level Regent's Award as the Regent of North Florida in November 2006 and also won the Senior Level Regent's Award for the Regent of Georgia Piedmont Plateau in February 2007.	
10	Jim Montgomery	Chief Executive Officer	Corpus Christi Medical Center (Corpus Christi, TX)
14	Chuck Beaman	Chief Executive Officer	Palmetto Health Alliance (Columbia, SC)
15	Tim Parris	Chief Executive Officer	Cirrus (Dallas, TX)
17	Mark Cain	Chief Executive Officer	Scott County Hospital (Oneida, TN)
17	Jay Vines	Practice Administrator	Andrews Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center (Gulf Breeze, FL)
19	K. Robert Bauer, Jr.	Earned the designation of Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.	
24	Tamara Herrington	Consultant	Babbage Industries (Simi Valley, CA)
24	Candice Saunders	Chief Operating Officer	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital (Marietta, GA)
26	Jeff Jennings	Chief Executive Officer	Forrest City Medical Center (Forrest City, AR)
28	Janet Holland	President, Principal	On Point Strategies, LLC (Dallas, TX)
30	Shannon Winslett	Interim Chief Executive Officer	Physicians Medical Center Carraway (Birmingham, AL)
32	Kevin Flynn	Elected into the Class of 2008 for Leadership Vestavia Hills	
32	Derrick Jones	Associate Administrator	Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital (Tucson, AZ)
32	Stacey Merrill	Senior Director Operations Finance	Healthways (Nashville, TN)
32	Heather Mitchell	Owner / Strategic Partner	Strategic Marketing by Design, LLC (Birmingham, AL)
32	Andrew Workman	Director, Revenue Cycle	Trover Health System (Madisonville, KY)
33	Lisa Pearson	Chairman of the Operating Council of the American Red Cross, a Board Member of the Ronald McDonald House in Missoula, MT, and announced the birth of a new baby boy, Jonas August Pearson .	
33	Sean Tinney	President and Chief Operating Officer	St. Vincent's Blount (Oneonta, AL)
34	Michael Eric Garrard	Earned the designation of Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.	
34	Michelle Lurix	Director, Physician Development	Salem Hospital (Salem, OR)
34	Vinne Sharma	Interim Executive Administrator, Department of Pediatrics	University of Chicago Hospital System and Medical Center (Chicago, IL)
34	Russell Touchet	Chief Financial Officer	CHRISTUS Schumpert Health System (Shreveport, LA)
35	Daniel Stanton	Promoted to Administrator, Transplant Operations at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare (Memphis, TN) and earned the designation of Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.	
35	Crystal Thomas	Earned the designation of Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.	
36	Christy Ray	Business Operations Manager	Children's Hospital of Omaha (Omaha, NE)
36	Tripp Smith	Assistant Chief Executive Officer	Dyersburg Regional Medical Center (Dyersburg, TN)
36	Paul Theriot	Assistant Chief Executive Officer	DeKalb Regional Medical Center (Fort Payne, AL)
37	Elisha Dozier	Branch Director	Life South Community Blood Center (Mobile, AL)
37	Brad Ervin	CEO/Chief Compliance Officer	Overland Park Surgery Center (Overland Park, KS)
37	Larkin Kennedy	Administrator and Chief Executive Officer	Baptist Memorial Hospital-Booneville (Booneville, MS)
37	Bryan Lee	Chief Executive Officer	Select Specialty Hospital (Pensacola, FL)
37	Keith Marks	Administrative Director	Department of Medicine (Birmingham, AL)
37	Lauren Parks Rorabaugh	Married Zach Rorabaugh on June 30, 2007 and was promoted to Director of Operations at the Mecklenburg Medical Group Morrocroft (Charlotte, NC)	

MSHA and PhD Alumni Updates

Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, State)
37	Rick Tate	Operations Manager, Mountain Management Services	Memorial Health Care System (Chattanooga, TN)
37	Jackie Turner	Operations Manager- Baldwin County	Cardiology Associates (Fairhope, AL)
37	Amy Vines	Outreach Manager	St. Vincent's East (Birmingham, AL)
38	Amanda Baeker	Director, Cancer Treatment Center	DCH Regional Medical Center (Tuscaloosa, AL)
38	Curtis Black	Teaching undergraduate health care finance (HADM 4100) course at Auburn University.	
38	Chris Clark	Assistant Vice President, Clinical Services	East Alabama Medical Center (Opelika, AL)
38	Scott Erwin	Practice Manager	Quick Care Centers, LLC, HCA Physician Services (Richmond, VA)
38	Andrew Gnann	Vice President of Operations	St. Vincent's East (Birmingham, AL)
38	Melissa Pennington	Senior Business Analyst	Memorial Hermann Southwest (Houston, TX)
38	Evan Ray	Vice President, Operations	Jennie Edmundson Hospital (Council Bluffs, IA)
38	Eric Robinson	Director of Operations	Shelby Baptist (Alabaster, AL)
38	Micol Weissman	Director of Business Development & Physician Relations	Memorial Regional Hospital - South (Hollywood, FL)
38	Taylor Williams	Married Virginia Verlez in September and presented at the World Research Group on the revenue cycle in their meetings in Orlando, FL and San Diego, CA.	
39	Chris Cosby	Assistant Chief Executive Officer	Byrd Regional Medical Center (Leesville, LA)
39	Jordan DeMoss	Assistant Administrator	UAB Highlands (Birmingham, AL)
39	Jeff Willson	Executive Director	Utah Home Health (Provo, UT)
40	Barrie Arnold	Physician Liaison for Imaging	Baptist Health Care (Pensacola, FL)
40	Jennifer Causey	Project Manager, Support Services and Supply Chain	Vanderbilt University Medical Center (Nashville, TN)
40	Adam Cook	Manager of System Operations	Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare (Memphis, TN)
40	Jonathan Daniel	Safety & Operations Manager	St. Vincent's East (Birmingham, AL)
40	Rusty English	Associate Director for Operations	Naval Medical Center (Portsmouth, VA)
40	Guy Glorioso	Developer and Manager of Retail Clinics	Carolinas Physician Network (Charlotte, NC)
40	Laura Hammac	Nurse Retention Manager	Brookwood Medical Center (Birmingham, AL)
40	Daniel Jackson	Health Care Networks Representative	BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama (Birmingham, AL)
40	Holly Jackson	Admin Director of the Hospitalist Service	Shands at the University of Florida (Gainesville, FL)
40	Jessica Martello	Project Manager- Medical Innovation and Transformation Institute	INOVA (Fairfax, VA)
40	Craig Maxey	Healthcare Informatics Officer	Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune (Camp Lejeune, NC)
40	Kelly Miller	Associate	Horne, LLP (Nashville, TN)
40	Thomas Miller	Practice Manager Pediatric Urology & Plastic Surgery	Children's Specialty Group (Milwaukee, WI)
40	Constance Mims	Director of Support Services and Facilities	Shands at Vista (Gainesville, FL)
40	Jennifer Sirmon	Manager, Graduate Medical Education	The University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)
40	Bentley Sloan	Regional Operations Manager	The Survey Companies (Birmingham, AL)
40	Matt Wallace	Senior Associate in Clinical Administration	Vanderbilt Medical Group Administration (Nashville, TN)

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Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, State)
41	Coretta Pearson	Assistant Administrator	Northeast Alabama Surgical Associates (Anniston, AL)
E 27	Perry Mustian	Promoted to President & Chief Executive Officer at John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital (Thomasville, GA) and earned the designation of Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.	
E 32	Brian Spraberry	Chief, Business Development	University of Mississippi Medical Center (Jackson, MS)
E 37	Tony Palazzo	Administrator	Urology Associates, PA (Tupelo, MS)
E 40	Wally Davis	Vice President, Health Link / Acclaim / Nurse Link	North Mississippi Health Services (Tupelo, MS)
E 41	Carlos Brown	Director of Compliance	Barnes Jewish Hospital (Saint Louis, MO)
E 41	Melanie Salsgiver	Became the Chief Nursing Officer at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center (Fort Walton Beach, FL) and also earned the designation of Fellow in the American College of Health Executives.	
PhD	Stephen O'Connor	Earned the designation of Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.	
PhD	Patrick Rivers	Promoted to Professor & Director Care Management	Southern Illinois University CASA (Carbondale, IL)
PhD	Doug Smith	Promoted to Associate Professor - Business	Samford University (Birmingham, AL)
PhD	Jessie Tucker	Lieutenant Colonel, Regent for the Army	Chief of Staff (COO), Womack Army Medical Center (Fort Bragg, NC)
PhD	Nir Menachemi	Associate Professor	UAB School of Public Health (Birmingham, AL)
PhD	Elena Platonova	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Health Science	University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)
PhD	Amy Yarbrough	Received the American College of Healthcare Executives' 2007 Health Management Research Award to launch a study entitled "The incorporation of Nontraditionally Educated Managers into Hospitals."	



MSHA Class 43 at Orientation

Summer and Fall GPHA Alumni Events

National Symposium for Healthcare Executives and 2nd Annual Alumni Reunion (Sandestin, FL)



(L-R): Dr. Hiett and Dr. Narendra Kini.



(L-R): Beth Keyser, Vikram Vijay, Miriam and Dennis Deemer.



(L-R): Amy Leopard, Chuck Stokes and Galen Johnson.

2nd Annual MSHA Classic Golf Tournament (Birmingham, AL)



(L-R): Mike Burgess, Bob Chapman, Jon Vice, and Herman Brehmer.



(L-R): Charles Altzman, Phillip Walker, Becky Patterson and Daniel Jackson.



(L-R): Rick Shrader, David Wilson, Eric Robinson, and Lee Boles.



(L-R): Ben Youree, Brad Weideman, Matt Wallace and Chris Hughes.

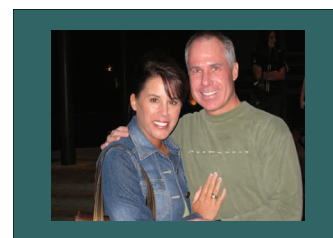
Alumni Dinner hosted by UAB National Alumni Society (Dallas, Texas)



(L-R): Megan Clements, Scott Peck, Dave Jacobs, Dr. Glandon, Randa Hall and Cathleen Erwin.



(L-R): Patrick Trammel, Randa Hall, Carolyn Loy, Cathleen Erwin, and Janet Holland.



(L-R): Joy Nelson And Todd Donehoo. You never know who you might run into in Dallas!

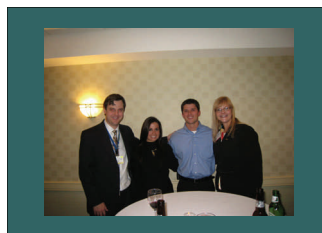
Medical Group Management Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)



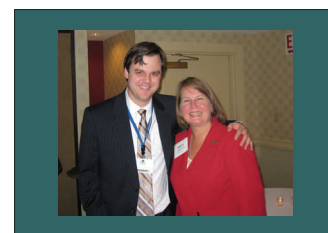
(L-R): Kevin Bilson, Dr. Hernandez, and Mike Lunceford.



(L-R): Dr. Tim Nix, Texas Tech, Dr. Grant Savage, University of Missouri, and Amy Edwards, VCU.



(L-R): Jon-Paul Croom, Virginia and Taylor Williams and Cathleen Erwin.



(L-R): Jon-Paul Croom and Randa Hall.

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2ND MSHA CLASSIC BRINGS PLAYERS, PRECEPTORS AND STUDENT TOGETHER

The 2nd MSHA Classic, supported by Class 42, proved to be a tremendous success! The golf tournament generated approximately \$20,000 towards the students' professional development fund, which reimburses students for travel to meetings such as ACHE, HIMSS, MGMA, HFMA, and the National Symposium for Healthcare Executives.

Eighty-two golfers had a great time playing at Pine Tree Country Club. The tournament, held in conjunction with the Annual Preceptors Conference, provides preceptors a chance to get to know a number of students on a more personal basis. A number of MSHA alumni met and teamed up to help the current graduate students.

The first place team was **Sarah Johnston (Class 42)**, Paul Teasley, Dave Brewster, and Chip Mullinax while the second place team consisted of Steven Hall, Van Gladney, Randy Roberts, and Brandon Plowden. **Mary Chris Becker (Class 42)** won the longest drive prize.

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(L-R): Joe Yoder, Jim Burkhart, Jessica Bodner, Parker Rodenhauser, and Andres Arciniegas..

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Plans are now underway for the 3rd Annual MSHA Classic!