

# MSHA & PHD NEWS

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## Save These Dates:

- **7/30/07—08/04/07:** 27th National Symposium for Healthcare Executives (Sandestin, FL.)
- **09/06/07:** Welcome to Campus Reception (Birmingham, AL)
- **10/4/07 - 10/5/07:** MSHA Golf Classic and Preceptors Conference (Birmingham, AL)
- **10/29/07:** MGMA Reception (Philadelphia, PA)
- **02/07/08:** 2nd Health Administration Case Competition (Birmingham, AL)

## LTC JESSIE TUCKER — 2007 HUDGENS’ AWARD WINNER

**C**HICAGO, January 12, 2007—LTC Jessie L. Tucker III, PhD, FACHE, commander of Fox Army Health Center, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., received the American College of Healthcare Executives 2007 Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for young healthcare executive of the year. Tucker accepted the award on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the Parker B. Francis Distinguished Lecture during ACHE’s 50th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in New Orleans.

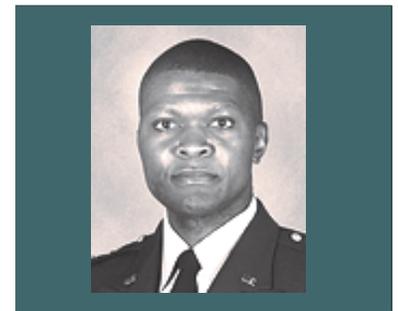
The Hudgens Award is presented annually to an exceptional healthcare executive who is less than 40 years old and who is the chief executive officer or chief operating officer of a health services organization. The award was established in 1969 by the Alumni/ae Association of the Department of Health Administration at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, in tribute to its former course director and ACHE’s first vice president, Robert S. Hudgens, FACHE.

In 2007 Tucker was selected to become the next chief of staff of the Army’s academic medical center in Fort Bragg, N.C. From 2006 to 2007, he served as commander of Fox Army Health Center. In the short time he has served in these and previous leadership positions, including commander of the Kleber Army Health Clinic in

Kaiserslautern, Germany, from 2003 to 2005 and deputy commander of Fox Army Health Center from 2005 to 2006, he has focused on improving the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the Army’s healthcare system by introducing and teaching applicable best practices.

Prior to his assignment at Kleber Army Health Clinic, Tucker was executive officer of the Army Southeast Regional Dental Command from 2001 to 2003 and attained associate professor rank in the U.S. Army–Baylor University Graduate Program in Health Care Administration from 1998 to 2001. From 1993 to 1995, he served as executive officer and company commander of the Multi-Clinic Dental Practice at Fort Rucker, Ala., before commencing his doctoral studies at UAB in 1995.

Tucker is a certified corporate financial manager and a Six Sigma black belt, and is a Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education commissioner. He received the Surgeon General’s “A” Proficiency Designator and the Order of Military Medical Merit in 2004, was named the U.S. Army–Baylor University Graduate Program’s Faculty Researcher of the Year in 2001 and has received numerous U.S. Army Meritorious Service and Combat awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters,



Above: LTC Jessie L. Tucker, III, PhD

the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star.

Board certified in healthcare management and an ACHE Fellow, Tucker received his doctoral degree in healthcare administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, his master’s degrees from Troy State University and Bowie State University, and his bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina.

LTC Tucker is the second graduate from the Department of Health Services Administration to receive this prestigious award. In 1981, John Casey (MSHA Class 5) was the first alumnus to receive the Hudgens Memorial Award.

Adapted from ACHE Press Release, January 12, 2007.

## UAB FACULTY IN THE NEWS

**T**he Board of Directors of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) announced the appointment of **S. Robert Hernandez, DrPH (Class 5)** and **Richard M. Shewchuk, PhD** as Co-Editors of the *Journal of Health Administration Education*. Their appointment becomes effective July 1, 2007.

The selection committee was confident that the team of Hernandez and Shewchuk will be highly effective in moving the Journal to a higher level, actively soliciting manuscripts and special issues, as well as seeking greater visibility and recognition for the publication.

“This is a tremendous honor for our faculty members to be recognized for their expertise in the field,” expressed Dr. Gerald Glandon, Chair of the Department of Health Services Administration.

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*Gerald Glandon, PhD*

*Chair, Department of Health Services Administration*

**Howard Houser, PhD**, has been appointed associate dean for faculty and staff development in the UAB School of Health Professions. And will lead a new professional development initiative within the School.

In addition, **Donna Slovenky, PhD**, Professor in the Department of Health Services Administration, serves as the interim Associate Dean for Academic and Student Services within the School of Health Professions.

**Pam Paustian**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Services Administration, was recognized with the School of Health Professions’ 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award. In addition, Pam serves as the Assistant Program Director for the BS in Health Sciences Program.



Above: Richard Shewchuk, PhD.



Above: S. Robert Hernandez, DrPH

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## MSHA PROGRAMS MOVES UP IN NATIONAL RANKINGS

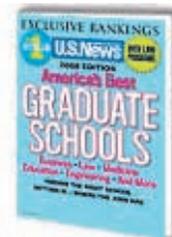
**W**e have outstanding news to share with our alumni, preceptors and friends. The 2008 *US News and World Report* rankings of healthcare management programs were released in April. Our MSHA Program rose to 7<sup>th</sup> place from 10<sup>th</sup> place (in the previous 2004 rankings).

The U.S. News rankings are based on the voting of Program Directors and faculty from CAHME-accredited programs from across the country. We feel fortunate to be recognized by our peers as a leading graduate program in health administration. These rankings are

important for the MSHA Program, the School of Health Professions and UAB as they help us attract the best students from around the nation. It also assists our efforts to continue to attract the best faculty to train these students.

We believe that there is a complex set of factors that have enabled us to rise to 7<sup>th</sup> in the rankings. However, key among them are five items that we have worked hard to develop or maintain:

- Faculty leadership roles and recognition in national organizations;
- Applied research that impacts the field directly;
- National Health Care Case Competition (co-sponsored by the UAB Health System);
- Continuous professional advancement of our graduates;
- Regularly updated, relevant curriculum; and
- Uninterrupted Program



## UAB-SPONSORED CASE COMPETITION BRIDGES CLASSROOM AND THE BOARDROOM

**O**n February 7-8, 2007, a unique contest to improve future health administrators' ability to tackle real-world issues was held in Birmingham. The first national Health Administration Case Competition was hosted by UAB's Department of Health Services Administration and sponsored by the UAB Health System.

The event drew teams from 14 universities. The teams prepared analyses of a case study related to the construction of a replacement facility for a major pediatric hospital in a southwestern city. Competitors developed a set of practical recommendations in the areas of strategic planning, operations, finance and marketing.

The Health Administration Case Competition was successful due to the caliber of teams from the participating universities including:

- Arizona State University
- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Northwestern University
- The Ohio State University
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of Florida
- University of Memphis
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri-Columbia
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Pennsylvania - Wharton
- University of South Carolina
- Virginia Commonwealth University

"The case competition provided graduate students from CAHME-accredited pro-



grams an opportunity to put what they have learned into practice with a real-life, real-time case study," said Gerald Glandon, Ph.D., professor and chair of the UAB Department of Health Services Administration. "It was designed to be a capstone experience for their graduate school training."

First place in the competition was awarded to a team from Virginia Commonwealth University while a team from Northwestern University took second place. Third place went to the UAB team. Presentations were judged by a panel of seven nationally recognized health administration professionals.

UAB Health System CEO David Hoidal served as master of ceremonies for the Awards Dinner. "We are extremely proud to support the only case competition open to all health administration graduate students," Hoidal said. "This competition will be a valuable tool in preparing future generations of health care administrators."

Following the awards ceremony, UAB presented the L.R. Jordan Distinguished Lecture Series. This year's presenter was Thomas Royer, M.D., president and CEO of Dallas-based CHRISTUS Health. His presentation was entitled "Keepers of the Healthcare Profession through the Clouds and the Sunshine". The lecture series, in its third year, honors L.R. "Rush" Jordan, a long-time health care executive

and professor of health administration at UAB. The series was established to sustain Jordan's legacy of integrating health care practitioners into the classroom.

Special thanks to our national panel of judges who served as the competition's Board of Directors:

- Charles Enicks, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia;
- L. Neil Fogel, FAAHC, President, Capital Health Associates;
- Cary A. Fox, Regional Vice President, CHRISTUS Health;
- Wayne M. Lerner, DPH, FACHE, President and CEO, Holy Cross Hospital;
- Lydia Reed, MBA, CAE, President and Chief Executive Officer, Association of University Programs in Health Administration;
- Tom Schultz, Director of Asset Management, Medical Properties Trust;
- Jon E. Vice, President, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Plans are underway for next year's 2nd Health Care Case Competition slated for February 6-7, 2008. Check the website for additional details and updates:

[www.hacasecompetition.com](http://www.hacasecompetition.com)



**First Place Team (L-R):** David Hoidal with Sarah Johnson, Beemal Shah, Karah Jones from VCU.



**Second Place Team (L-R):** David Hoidal with Susan Abraham, Christa Van der Eb, Ricky Garcia from Northwestern University.



**Third Place Team (L-R):** David Hoidal with Alan Dow, Jeanette Glenn, Coretta Pearson from UAB.

## Administrative Residency Placements

## Forty-first Graduating MSHA Class

Kyle Cutright Ahern BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama Birmingham, AL Preceptor: Joe Bolen	Ara Dombourian PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC Atlanta, GA Preceptor: Brian Matson	Will Lloyd Shands Healthcare Jacksonville, FL Preceptor: Jim Burkhart
Jennifer Allen Baptist Health Montgomery, AL Preceptor: Julia Ventress	Alan Dow The Emory Clinic Atlanta, GA Preceptor: Donald Brunn	Coretta Pearson IntelliMed Solutions, LLC Anniston, AL Preceptor: Bobby Foster
Kevin Andrews The Emory Clinic Atlanta, GA Preceptor: Donald Brunn	Kathryn Evans Shelby Medical Center Alabaster, AL Preceptor: David Wilson	Melissa Paschenko University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, TX Preceptor: Andy DeYoung
Brandon Aven Asante Health System Medford, OR Preceptor: Roy Vinyard	Jeanette Glenn Univ of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Houston, TX Preceptor: Gerard Colman	Ryan Pillman PricewaterhouseCoopers Dallas, TX Preceptor: Chad A. Leopard
Christopher Beckham Athens Regional Medical Center Athens, GA Preceptor: Gary Phelps	Raleigh Gresham PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC Atlanta, GA Preceptor: Brian Matson	Thomas Roddy University Medical Center Lebanon, TN Preceptor: Vince Cherry
Joseph Bolen, IV St. Vincent's Health System Birmingham, AL Preceptor: Neeysa Biddle	Kidada Hawkins Stringfellow Memorial Hospital Anniston, AL Preceptor: Linda Burdette	Jana Santoro PricewaterhouseCoopers Birmingham, AL Preceptor: Craig Tolbert
Catherine Carpenter Redmond Regional Medical Center Rome, GA Preceptor: Carlton Ulmer	Dana Gillies Janowiak St. Vincent's Health System Birmingham, AL Preceptor: Neeysa Biddle	Brad Stockton Riverview Regional Medical Center Gadsden, AL Preceptor: Matt Hayes
Jacob Collins PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC Atlanta, GA Preceptor: Brian Matson	Michael Ann Kell Stockamp & Associates Atlanta, GA Preceptor: Michael Pou	Drew Ward Athens-Limestone Hospital Athens, AL Preceptor: Cary Payne
Scott Crawford West Georgia Health System LaGrange, GA Preceptor: Charis Acree	John Kueven North Mississippi Health System Tupelo, MS Preceptor: Chuck Stokes	Ben Whitworth Shands Healthcare Jacksonville, FL Preceptor: Jim Burkhart
Matthew Cybulsky Brookwood Medical Center Birmingham, AL Preceptor: Joe Stough	Giang Leisch Cooper Green Hospital Birmingham, AL Preceptor: Sandral Hewlett, MD	Benjamin Youree Northern Louisiana Medical Center Ruston, LA Preceptor: Doug Sills



### 2007 Summer Internship Preceptors and Sites:

1. Deborah Bowen/Thomas Dolan, American College of Healthcare Executives (Chicago, IL)
2. Ameet Mehta, Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie (Waxahachie, TX)
3. Donald Brunn, Emory Clinics (Atlanta, GA)
4. Pat Lecroy, Gadsden Regional Medical Center (Gadsden, AL)
5. Lynn Truelove, Singing River Health System (Pascagoula, MS)
6. Terry Andrus, East Alabama Medical Center (Opelika, AL)
7. Jennifer Ray, St. Martin's in the Pines (Birmingham, AL)
8. Drew Deaton, MedMined, Inc. (Birmingham, AL)
9. Jason Alexander, Providence Hospital (Mobile, AL)
10. David Putt, University of Mississippi Medical Center (Jackson, MS)
11. Bob Atkinson, Jefferson Regional Medical Center (Pine Bluff, AR)
12. Carol Jones, Huntsville Hospital (Huntsville, AL)
13. Melanie Sims, Gentiva® Health Services (Birmingham, AL)
14. Pat Holloway, Oklahoma Cardiovascular Associates (Oklahoma City, OK)
15. Kevin Sass, Columbus Regional Medical Center (Columbus, GA)
16. Andy Davidson, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (Lake Oswego, OR)

## ENHANCING THE MSHA PROGRAM

**W**e have listened to feedback from preceptors and past students, through our exit interview process, and implemented a number of changes to the MSHA Program including:

- ⇒ Summer internships
- ⇒ Moving the Preceptors Conference to October,
- ⇒ Development of new courses and changes to required courses,
- ⇒ Incorporation of Health Care Case Competition.

Beginning last fall with Class 42, all MSHA students are on-campus for 21 months before beginning their administrative residencies in the June/July timeframe, which is when the majority of the positions begin. This will keep the cohort together throughout the academic experience.

Single MSHA degree students will engage in a summer internship experience between their first and second years. The summer internship may be a competitive advantage to those students who have little or no health

care exposure. Each year we will continue to cultivate summer internship opportunities for our students. Sixteen preceptors and their organizations have offered summer internships for students in Class 42 (see sidebar listing). We truly appreciate their willingness to work with us on the initial internship placements. **Contact Randa Hall** (randahall@uab.edu) if you would like to learn more about summer internships for 2008.

All students will still be required to complete an administrative residency or fellowship at the completion of their coursework.

The Preceptors Conference has been moved to the second fall semester rather than in June of the first year. We believe that by moving the Preceptors Conference to the fall, students will have more time to prepare for the residency search process.

All the residency placement preparation and the leadership development activities that we currently conduct throughout the students' time on campus will be com-

binced into a new course, HA 680 (Leadership Development). Several new items have been incorporated into this class including Dining Etiquette and Minding Your Professional P's & Q's.

Both HA 605 (Health Policy and Politics) and HA 614 (Process Improvement) are now required courses for all students due to the importance and application to practice of these courses.

The previous capstone course, HA 655Q (Synthesis) will be replaced with an on-campus, capstone course during the students' last semester. Students within each MSHA cohort will form their own teams and compete in our local case competition. Then, one team will represent our MSHA Program in the Health Administration Case Competition each year (see related story on Page 3).

These changes allow the single degree MSHA students to pursue both the Gerontology and Health Care Financial Management Certificates—which was not possible in the old curriculum.

## “REAL WORLD” TOPICS PRESENTED

**T**he recent spring semester provided an array of local and national speakers for our graduate students. Starting in January, Bill Felkey, Professor of Pharmacy at Auburn University, is nationally-known as the Gadget Guru. He shared how to better utilize information technology in the workplace and the health care environment. Dr. Thomas Royer, President and CEO of CHRISTUS Health, presented the L.R. Jordan Distinguished Lecture Series on February 8, 2007 as part of the Health Care Case Competition. He shared his vision on “keeping the profession” through a very passionate presentation.

During March, Kate Carson, Director of Recruitment for Stockamp & Associates, discussed health care consulting as a career and the movement toward behavioral interviewing. Then, Ms. Carson practiced behavioral interviewing techniques with MSHA Class 42. Also, members from the ACHE Regents Advisory Council provided information

about the importance of ACHE throughout one's career.

Tish Spaulding along with Tim Meehan provided an interactive session called “Minding Your Professional P's and Q's.” The session focused on dressing for success and dining etiquette. The morning concluded with a luncheon in which the students practiced what they had learned.

Completing the spring semester was an informative and entertaining presentation by J. Larry Tyler, President of Tyler & Company—a national executive search firm. Mr. Tyler provided tips on resume development, interviewing tips and networking. We are grateful to have speakers willing to share their industry knowledge with our graduate students. These presentations complement the academic foundation and prepare our MSHA students for their administrative residency positions and beyond.

# KEEP US “IN THE LOOP” THROUGH THE WEB-BASED DIRECTORY

**Nominations are being accepted until July 5, 2007 for the following Alumni Association awards and Board positions:**

- Alumnus of the Year
- Secretary/ Treasurer
- Board of Directors (2 positions)

**A**lumni from the MSHA and PhD Programs are able to update their information directly through our web-based alumni directory. You can also search for classmates and others very easily through the search options.

We want to better track alumni career progressions—we only have current position and administrative residency available. Now, we have

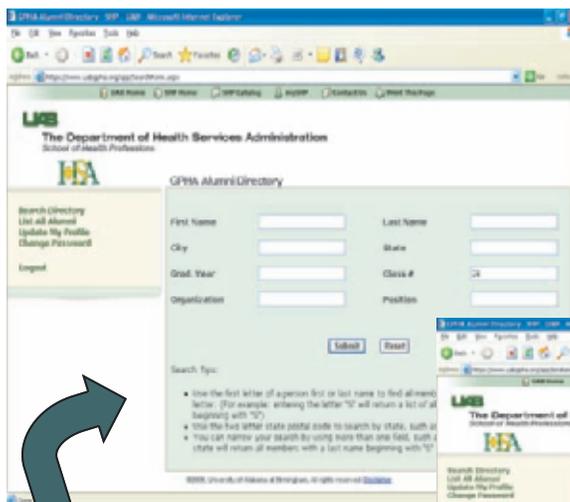
added a new component to the web directory—Work History. By using your user identification and password, you can input your past and current positions. If you have lost your user id / password, contact Randa Hall at (randahall@uab.edu)

If you would like for us to update your work history information for you, then email your current resume to Angela Grace (afrage@uab.edu) and

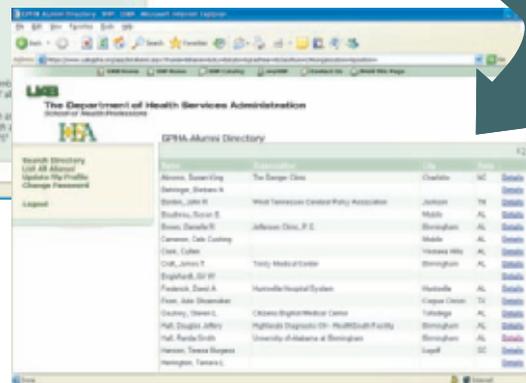
we will handle the rest for you. By working with us on this process, you will help us with our upcoming accreditation process. One thing the accrediting commission is interested in is the career development of our alumni.

The screens below show the alumni web directory which can be accessed directly at:

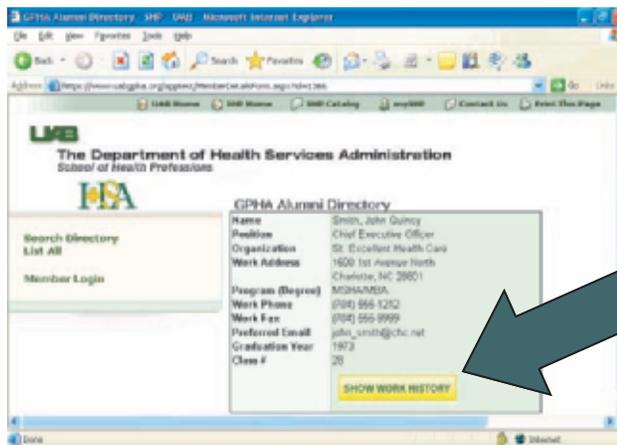
[www.uabgpha.org](http://www.uabgpha.org)



Result of a search for members of MSHA Class 24



Run queries to search by any of the above fields such as last name, city, organization, class #, etc.



You may update your own profile for work changes and home address changes. Now, you can also update your work history.

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  
sj@uab.edu

# NETWORKING IN NEW ORLEANS DURING ACHE CONGRESS

**N**ew Orleans, LA. : On March 20, 2007, the Alumni Association of the Graduate Programs in Health Administration hosted a spectacular reception for over 120 alumni, preceptors, and friends of the Department of Health Services Administration.

The annual reception is held in conjunction with the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Management . This year's networking event was held at the Napoleon House located within the French Quarter. This was one of our most well-attended receptions—possibly because of the ideal location of ACHE this year—New Orleans, Louisiana.

During the networking reception, Dr. Hernandez recognized LTC Jessie Tucker on his recent accomplishment as the recipient of the 2007 Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for young health-care executive of the year. The majority of MSHA Class 42 attended this year's Congress on Administration and accomplished some sightseeing in New Orleans as well.

A special thanks to Cathleen Erwin, Director of Development for the School of Health Professions, for arranging this fun-filled evening at the Napoleon House.

Stay tuned for details for next year's reception that will be back in Chicago.



Above: Members of Class 42 at Café Du Monde.

Summary of Houser Campaign Gifts/Pledges	
Sources	# of Donors
Corporate	1
PhD Alumni	8
All Faculty	5
MSHA Class #	
2	1
6	2
7	3
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9	9
10	2
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35	4
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38	1
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E27	1
E32	2
E35	2
E38	1
E39	2
E40	1

# GOAL WITHIN REACH FOR THE HOWARD HOUSER PROFESSORSHIP

All money given to the project has been placed in the Howard Houser Endowed Program Support Fund, which is being used as an interim step toward the completion of the funding needed to complete the professorship (\$500,000). Earnings generated from the endowed program support fund are being reinvested in the corpus of the endowment until the fund is converted to a professorship. We are within \$90,000 of reaching our goal.

Pledges to the Howard Houser Endowed Professorship may be paid over a time period of up to five years.

Total amount pledged or given:  
\$410,880

Statistics:

Gift or Pledge Amounts/ranges	# of donors
\$100,000	1
\$50,000	1
\$25,000	2
\$10,000	9
\$5,000 - \$9,999	8
\$2,500 - \$4,999	11
\$1,000 - \$2,499	31
Less than \$1,000	50
	113
Average Gift	\$3,636

## MSHA and PhD Alumni Updates

(Received between October 1, 2006 and May, 1, 2007)

Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, St)
3	Oscar Aylor	Has been elected to the ACHE Nominating Committee from District 2 for a 2-year term and has also been asked to serve as Chair of the Editorial Board for ACHE's Healthcare Executive magazine during 2007-08.	
11	Jim Decker	Chief Executive Officer	MEDIC Regional Blood Center (Knoxville, TN)
12	Paul Clark	Sr. Vice President/Chief Operating Officer	Munroe Regional Medical Center (Ocala, FL)
13	Otis Story	President and Chief Executive Officer	Grady Health System (Atlanta, GA)
13	Kim Walker	Director of Operations	Shands Healthcare - University of Florida (Gainesville, FL)
14	Jim Shmerling	President & Chief Executive Officer	Children's Hospital (Denver, CO)
17	Candace Jennings	Vice President & Chief Operating Officer	Johnson City Medical Center (Johnson City, TN)
21	Ellen Friloux	Administrator - Women and Children's Services	North Mississippi Medical Center (Tupelo, MS)
22	Oliver Walker	Vice President of Operations	Covenant Retirement Communities (Chicago, IL)
22	Spencer Robinson	Chair, Business & Computer Information Systems Dept	Montreat College (Montreat, NC)
24	Jimmy Murphy	Chief Financial Officer	Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (New Orleans, LA)
24	Vanessa Walls	Vice President, Ambulatory Services	Children's Hospital of Omaha (Omaha, NE)
25	Greg Neal	Vice President Supply Chain	Wellmont Health System (Kingsport, TN)
26	Brian Aston	Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer	Mission Hospitals (Asheville, NC)
27	Mark Faulkner	Administrator	Baptist Hospital (Pensacola, FL)
28	Jason Alexander	Executive Vice President / Chief Operating Officer	Providence Hospital (Mobile, AL)
28	David Barber	Administrator	North Mississippi Medical Clinics (Tupelo, MS)
29	Perry White	Senior Vice President	Johnson Development (Birmingham, AL)
29	Melonie Lagalante	Practice Administrator	St. Tammany Parish Hospital (Covington, LA)
29	Kevin Holland	Administrator	Ocean Springs Hospital (Ocean Springs, MS)
29	LaWanda Parks	Administrative Officer, Health Program Mgmt Office	VHA Office of Information (Silver Spring, MD)

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Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, St)
30	Shannon Winslett	Senior Vice President, Operations	Physicians-Carraway Medical Center (Birmingham, AL)
30	Barry Cambron	Manager, Marketing and Product Development	Kaiser Permanente Healthy Solutions (Atlanta, GA)
30	David Crocker	Branch Manager	Mid South Respiratory Services & HME (Panama City, FL)
31	Daniel Meier	Attorney at Law	Daniel Meier, Attorney at Law (Durham, NC)
31	Denton Farr	Vice President	Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center (Meridian, MS)
31	Kim Giles	Operations Manager	LeBonheur Children's Medical Center (Memphis, TN)
32	Jeremy Schrimsher	Vice President, Ancillary Services	Mercy General Hospital (CHW) (Sacramento, CA)
32	Amy Dollarhide	Vice President, Client Services	TractManager, Inc. (Cabot, AR)
32	Todd Eppler	Operations Officer, Support Services	Willis-Knighton Health System (Shreveport, LA)
32	Heather Dexter	Vice President, Strategy/Marketing/Bus. Dev.	Saint Joseph's Health System (Atlanta, GA)
33	Bobby Ginn, Jr.	Chief Executive Officer	L.V. Stabler Memorial Hospital (Greenville, AL)
33	Jason Little	Chief Executive Officer & Administrator	Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis (Memphis, TN)
33	Aren Williams	Project Manager, Specialty Care	Children's Health System (Birmingham, AL)
33	Chris Patrick	Account Manager	Smiths Medical (Birmingham, AL)
33	Ric Ransom	Vice President of Operations	WellStar Kennestone Hospital (Marietta, GA)
34	Kendall Huff	Vice President, Support Services	Methodist Health System (Dallas, TX)
34	Elizabeth Sandeman	Manager, Finance - Supply Chain Development	M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, TX)
36	Megan Clements	Practice Administrator	Health Texas Provider Network (Dallas, TX)
36	Neerav Jadeja	Assistant Administrator	Shands at LakeShore (Lake City, FL)
37	Jeff Denney	Has attained the professional designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive in the American College of Medical Practice Executives and is the Director of Decatur Heart & Vascular Group (Decatur, AL)	
37	Matt Gibson	Was named the Louisiana Early Career Healthcare Executive for 2007 for his distinguished healthcare leadership ability, contributions to the healthcare profession and participation in civic/community activities.	
37	Lauren Parks	Practice Manager	Mecklenburg Medical Group Southpark Office (Charlotte, NC)
37	Erin Gilbert Wheeler	Director of Graduate Medical Education	Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center (Baton Rouge, LA)
37	Jason Searcy	Director of Oncology Services	Holston Valley Medical Center (Kingsport, TN)

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Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, St)
38	Chris Clark	Was recognized as one of the "2007 20 Under 40 Class" by the Mayor of Opelika for his leadership and community involvement.	
38	Courtney Christopher Yezerski	Senior Planner	Advocate Health System (Oak Brook, IL)
38	Douglas Reed	Business Manager - Orthopaedics	Emory Healthcare - The Emory Clinic (Atlanta, GA)
38	Ethan Watson	PHO Support Services Coordinator	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Duluth, GA)
38	Lenetra McCord	Special Assistant to the President/CEO	Truman Medical Center (Kansas City, MO)
39	Sam Dean, Jr.	Manager - Diagnostic and Ancillary Services	Infirmiry Health System, Diag & Med Clinic (Mobile, AL)
39	Meggan Moore Crunkleton	Administrative Fellow	Huntsville Hospital (Huntsville, AL)
39	Lee Ann Massey	Business Administrator, Surgical Svc	Children's Health System (Birmingham, AL)
39	Jenna Groner	Manager - CMC General Surgery	Carolinas Medical Center (Charlotte, NC)
39	Daniel Shumate	Chief Financial Officer	Louisiana Cardiology Associates (Baton Rouge, LA)
39	Brian Barbeito	Administrative Director	Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center (Baton Rouge, LA)
39	Julie Gorham	Compliance Officer	Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (New Orleans, LA)
39	Jordan DeMoss	Assistant Administrator	UAB Highlands (Birmingham, AL)
39	Anna Michelle Cox	Assistant Administrator	Shands AGH (Gainesville, FL)
39	Matthew Sansing	Associate/Assistant Administrator of Logistics	VA Medical Center (Birmingham, AL)
39	Brandon Haushalter	Assistant Administrator	Trinity Medical Center (Birmingham, AL)
39	Melissa Mancini	Sr. Associate, Strategy and Business Development	UAB Health System (Birmingham, AL)
39	Kevin Clark	Administrator, GI & Pulmonary Med	The Emory Clinic (Atlanta, GA)
39	Lee Ann Parker	Director, Operations & Corporate Services	Vanderbilt Children's Hospital (Nashville, TN)
39	Laura Snoddy Culp	Marketing Support Analyst	BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama (Birmingham, AL)
39	Domingo Valpuesta	Operations Analyst	Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (Winston-Salem, NC)
40	Pebblin Warren	Director of Physician Retention & Recruitment	East Jefferson Medical Center (New Orleans, LA)
40	Andrea Golden White	Quality Coordinator	Williamson Medical Center (Franklin, TN)
40	Carol Bailey	Director of Special Projects	HealthSpring of Alabama, Inc. (Birmingham, AL)

## MSHA and PhD Alumni Updates

Class #	Alumnus	Position Change and Other News	Organization (City, St)
E 32	David Moroney	Sr. Medical Director, Quality Improvement	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee (Chattanooga, TN)
E 32	Brian Spraberry	Interim Chief Executive Officer	Glenwood Regional Medical Center (West Monroe, LA)
E 37	Tony Palazzo	Executive Director	Bienville Orthopedic Specialists (Ocean Springs, MS)
E 37	Pat Sonnier	Program Manager	Heery International (Denver, CO)
E 38	Jeremy Gray	Director of Industrial Rehabilitation Alabama	Healthsouth Corporation (Birmingham, AL)
E 39	David Jones	Director of Patient Access	Jackson Hospital (Montgomery, AL)
PhD	Debby Tennyson	Associate Professor	Our Lady of the Lake College (Baton Rouge, LA)
PhD	Ellee Howell	Dean/Assoc Prof., School of Nursing	Creighton University (Omaha, NE)
PhD	Donna Malvey	Assistant Professor	University of Central Florida, Cocoa Campus (Cocoa, FL)
PhD	Charlie Saunders	Assistant Professor	Florida State University, College of Medicine (Tallahassee, FL)
PhD	Tommy Sanders	Assistant Professor of Management, Stephens College of Business	University of Montevallo

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

Andres Arciniegas and Chris Hughes, members of MSHA Class 42, attended ACE's New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity project in conjunction with the 2007 Congress on Health Care Leadership. The two worked alongside 100 other health care executives from as far away as Portland, Oregon to members of the armed forces recently back from tours of duty in Iraq.

The morning started out with a tour of Musician's Village also known as New Orleans's Ninth Ward. This is one of the hardest hit areas in New Orleans and the damage is still very much apparent with most of the houses still being boarded up and

uninhabitable. Habitat for Humanity has built over 20 vibrantly colored houses in the neighborhood since Katrina, bringing hope to the area amongst all of the destruction.

The MSHA students spent the day working at Camp Hope, which serves as the volunteer base camp that houses the many church groups and other organizations that are helping to rebuild the Ninth Ward. The former school building has been transformed into a fully functioning living quarters complete with cafeteria, showers, and a recreational room. The main focus of their project was constructing over 300 bunk beds to accommodate over 900 volunteers who

would be staying at the facility the following week.

The group of volunteers was broken into smaller groups and assigned specific tasks. Andres and Chris' team

was responsible for unloading three trucks of mattresses into the facility and were ecstatic to unload the last of the mattresses late in the afternoon signifying completion of the 300<sup>th</sup> bunk bed.

It was a rewarding experience for the two knowing that volunteers finally had beds to come back to after a long day of building houses in the hot New Orleans sun.



(L-R): Andres Arciniegas and Chris Hughes.

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Save the Date...  
The next Preceptors  
Conference and MSHA  
Classic will be held  
October 4-5, 2007 in  
Birmingham.



## MENTORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We appreciate the willingness of our alumni who serve as mentors to our current students. We want to thank those persons who have agreed to serve as mentors for MSHA Class 42:

- Kim Giles, LeBonheur Children's Medical Center (TN)
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- Christy Baynes, MetLife (AL)
- Scott Bence, Huntsville Regional Medical Campus (AL)
- Kerry Doyle, Shands at VISTA (FL)
- David Frum, CHRISTUS Spohn Health System (TX)
- Richard Hammett, St. David's Healthcare Partnership (TX)
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- Derrick Jones, Saint Joseph Healthcare (KY)
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- Alan Palmer, BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama (AL)
- Jean Bailey, Novant Health (NC)
- Jeff Lindsay, Novant Health (NC)
- Denise Hausenfluck, Birmingham VA Medical Center (AL)

## REUNIONS BRING CLASSMATES TOGETHER AT THE BEACH

Sandestin, FL: Don't miss the 27th National Symposium for Healthcare Executives which will be held July 30–August 4, 2007 at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort. The topics are aligned around the subject of Pay-for-Performance.

The annual business meeting of the Alumni Association will be held on Friday, August 3rd at 7:00 am. Also, the Alumni Association will host an alumni reunion event at The Beach Club in Sandestin on Friday, August 3, 2007, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. This is a casual beach and poolside event. A minimal ticket cost is charged to help offset the costs of the event. Families/Couples (2 or more): \$25, Single: \$15.

All alumni and students of the MSHA and PhD programs in health administration are invited to attend. This year the featured MSHA classes will be Classes 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, 32, 37, and current students in Class 42 of the residential program, Classes E32, E37 and current students in Class E42 of the executive program. For more information, please contact Katie Davidson in Alumni Relations at the UAB School of Health Professions at (205) 996-5469 or [katiedav@uab.edu](mailto:katiedav@uab.edu).

