



# EXECUTIVE HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

**For Current and Aspiring  
Division Directors and Chairs**

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University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Birmingham, AL

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Executive Healthcare Leadership Academy is a cutting-edge program crafted in partnership with the esteemed Society of Asian Academic Surgeons and the prestigious University of Alabama at Birmingham. This exclusive academy empowers surgeons to delve into their leadership aspirations and proactively shape their professional path. Through engaging interactive sessions and renowned guest speakers hailing from the Society of Asian Academic Surgeons, the UAB School of Health Professions, and the UAB Department of Surgery, participants will gain invaluable insights and actionable strategies to fortify their leadership prowess.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is designed for current and aspiring division directors and chairs in academic surgery.

### LOCATION

The 2.5-day course will take place in the West Pavilion Conference Center located in the medical campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Located in the heart of downtown Birmingham, AL, UAB is near 5-star dining, Civil Rights museums, urban parks and plenty of breweries.

**Address - 615 18th Street South, Birmingham AL 35233**

**Enter via Patient Discharge loop off of 7th Ave. Staff will be at the doors to let you in.**

**This course has been made possible in part through the generous support of the Tanabe – Gadd Family Foundation and the SAAS Foundation.**



**REGISTER TODAY!**



## **SESSION TOPICS**

- Developing Effective Leadership Skills
- Getting Noticed in Academic Surgery
- Understanding Finance
- Getting the Job
- Dealing with Humans: Optimizing for Performance
- Negotiating for Yourself and Your Team
- Building Infrastructure

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **Registration includes the following:**

- 2 nights' lodging at the UAB Hilton, only a short walk to the meeting venue
- All meals included - breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

### **Registration Fee:**

- SAAS Members: \$1,350
- Non-SAAS Members: \$2,500



Limited to 20 registrants. Register online today!

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## **CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

If a registrant is unable to attend, they may request a refund up to 30 days before the start of the course. Cancellation requests must be in writing and submitted to [surgcomm@uabmc.edu](mailto:surgcomm@uabmc.edu). No refunds will be issued after December 31, 2025.



## COURSE ALUMNI

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Jessica Zagory



"I had an incredible experience at the EHLA, learning from leaders in American surgery and benefiting from invaluable mentorship and connections. Kudos to Dr. Chen and the team for a fabulous agenda, food, fun and camaraderie. Academic surgery is a gift."

Dr. Jashodeep Datta  
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