

# MSHA NEWS

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## Remember these upcoming events:

- Preceptors' Conference (June 27—28, 2002)
- 22nd National Symposium in SandDestin (July 31—August 3, 2002)

## ACEHSA AWARDS SEVEN YEAR ACCREDITATION TO MSHA PROGRAM

In May, UAB's MSHA Program received the "unofficial" word from the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA) that our Residential Program will be re-accredited for seven years. The Executive MSHA Program will be granted full accreditation on its first attempt and for seven years! This makes our Executive option even more competitive nationally. There are less than ten ACEHSA-accredited Executive MSHA Programs across the country.

This milestone would not have been possible without the hard work by all faculty, students, and alumni! These efforts paid big dividends to our Program! We still have work to do but this is proof that we continue to be a nationally-competitive program.

The ACEHSA site visit team noted that our benchmark strengths include our residency placement process and faculty research. We want to express our sincere apprecia-



(L-R) Dean Harold Jones and Dr. Gerald Glandon present resolution to L.R. (Rush) Jordan at The Club at the Retirement Dinner, April 5, 2002.

tion to L.R. (Rush) Jordan, FACHE, for making our residency placement process one that other MSHA programs across the country can emulate. During his tenure as the Residency Director, Rush placed over 300 students in their residencies.

In the next quarter, alumni

will receive a report highlighting the Department of Health Services Administration's faculty research endeavors. This will enable everyone to understand the depth of the research being conducted within the Department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

## A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO HEALTH CARE

April 5, 2002—Over 150 friends, faculty, and alumni honored L.R. (Rush) Jordan for his service and dedication to health services administration at The Club in Birmingham, Alabama. Over \$80,000 was given in honor of Rush Jordan to establish

the L.R. Jordan Endowed Lectureship Series. The lectureship series will enable our students, faculty, and alumni to gain exposure to nationally-recognized experts and practitioners within the health care field. The series will extend Rush Jordan's lifetime of

learning exemplified throughout his career. He has influenced many lives during his career as an administrator, a colleague, and a mentor.

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(Retirement Dinner)**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO UAB'S ACHE CHAPTER AND LARRY SANDERS!

Chicago, IL—**Larry Sanders (Class 9)**, Chief Executive Officer Columbus Regional Health care System, and chairman-elect for the American College of Healthcare Executives, presented **Traci Spray (Class 35)**, ACHE Chapter President, the

award during the 2002 Congress. UAB's Student Chapter was honored for having the greatest number of students advance within ACHE between August 2000 and August 2001.

Mr. Sanders took office March 16 at the Council of Regents meeting during ACHE's 45th Congress. As Chairman-Elect, he will serve the first part of a three-year term in ACHE's consecutive chairmanship offices: Chairman-Elect, Chairman, and Immediate Past-Chairman.

"I am truly honored to be elected chairman-elect and look forward to serving the College and its members in this ca-

capacity," Mr. Sanders said. "These are challenging times for health care. We must identify and nurture future leaders and prepare current leaders to meet the challenges. The College is committed to developing and enhancing the leadership skills of its members. I am proud to have an opportunity to make a contribution to its mission of service to its members and the industry itself."

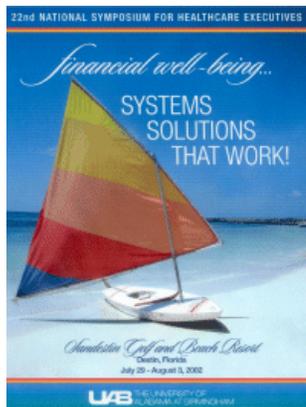
The Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives received the award for the Affiliated Group of the Year. On behalf of the group, **Craig Honaman (Class 5)** accepted the award for the Georgia Association of Healthcare Executives.



Larry Sanders presenting Traci Spray with award at 45th Congress in Chicago, IL.

*Join colleagues for finance, fun, and fellowship at the 22nd Annual National Healthcare Symposium at SandDestin, July 31—August 3, 2002. See the website for printable brochures—*

*[www.uab.edu/hsa](http://www.uab.edu/hsa)*



## GRADUATION BRUNCH CELEBRATES STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Students within the Department of Health Services Administration were honored at the first Graduation Brunch on May 4, 2002. MSHA students and their families gathered at The Club to celebrate their milestone of either graduating with the dual Master of Science in Health Administration /Master of Business Administration or completing their classroom

experience and beginning their residencies.

The MSHA faculty developed certificates for each student, highlighting an aspect of the student's campus time at UAB. Gerald Glandon, PhD, Department Chair, presented the Scholastic Achievement Awards to the students with the highest GPA. The MSHA Class 36 recipients included Denise Hausen-

fluck, Tripp Smith, Barbara Stripling, and Neeka Williams.

The brunch gave friends and family members a chance to meet faculty and classmates. We plan to continue this tradition each year during the graduation weekend.

## MSHA STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are always proud to share the successes and accomplishments of our students. During the UAB Spring Awards Ceremony, **Christi Gulotta (Class 35)** was awarded the SHRP Outstanding Student from the MSHA Program.

**Daryl Gathers' (Class 36)** paper on diversity in health care management was selected for submission to the 2002 Hill-Rom Management

Essay Competition in Healthcare Administration.

**Gerard (Hans) Donkersloot, (Class 37)** is one of eleven recipients of the Abbott Fellowship, which provides financial aid to second year graduate students.

**Dr. Delores Cottrell-Carson (Executive MSHA 2002)** will begin a Residency in Dental Public Health within the New York State Department of

Health. The residency will focus on administration, policy and program implementation.

**Brad Ervin (Class 37)** was selected for the Cancer Research Training Program, a partnership between UAB, Morehouse University, and Tuskegee University. The National Cancer Institute-funding summer internship focuses on cancer patient treatments and outcomes.

## MICHAEL STEPHENS HONORED

BIRMINGHAM, AL — In recognition of his many contributions to the community, health care management, and UAB, alumnus **Michael E. Stephens (Class 9)** received the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree during the University of Alabama at Birmingham's graduation ceremony. Michael E. Stephens, president of S Enterprises, Inc. of Indian Springs, Alabama, is well known in Alabama for his support of worthwhile community projects and is recognized locally and nationally for his leadership in the non-profit sectors of the rehabilitation industry. He founded both the Lakeshore Foundation, a charitable organization that supports the development of programs

for people with physical disabilities, and ReLife, a publicly traded company that merged with HealthSouth in 1994. Both efforts stemmed from his early work as executive director of Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital and his personal recovery from a disabling injury.

Stephens had begun a successful career in the insurance industry when in 1970, he suffered a spinal-cord injury in a diving accident. In 1973, after intensive rehabilitation during which he learned to walk again, he returned to the University of Montevallo to complete his bachelor's degree in business. In 1975, he earned a master's degree in health administration from UAB.

Stephens became executive director of Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital when it was still a small facility. In the next decade, he transformed the hospital into what Forbes magazine called, "... a model laboratory for his ideas about rehabilitation."

He is chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Lakeshore Foundation and supports the YWCA and the Birmingham Children's Theatre. His many honors include the John S. Jemison, Jr. Venture Award presented annually by the Birmingham Venture Club to the city's entrepreneur of the year.



*Stephen O'Connor, MSHA Program Director, presenting Rush Jordan with the "Big Shoes To Fill" Award at the Retirement Dinner on April 5.*

## HELP RECRUIT EXECUTIVE MSHA STUDENTS

Our Alumni serve as one of the best referral sources for potential MSHA students. With the recent accreditation of our Executive MSHA Program, we need your help in spreading the word about our Executive MSHA option. The format is designed to accommodate schedules of working health care professionals.

The MSHA degree can be completed in two years through a combination of on-campus and Internet-based learning.

Through direct mailings, we have targeted members of the Medical Group Management Association along with nurses and physicians in the Southeast.

The deadline for application to the Executive MSHA Program is July 1, 2002.

We have a new brochure highlighting the key features of our Executive MSHA Program. If you would like any brochures to share with colleagues, please contact Sara Patterson at (205) 934-1672, or sarap@uab.edu.

*Visit our website for pictures from recent events such as the UAB Alumni Reception in Chicago, Graduate Brunch, Executive MSHA Graduation Dinner, and more.*

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## RETIREMENT DINNER (CONTINUED)

As a tribute, the evening included testimonials from some of his most recent influences: **Amy Yarbrough (Class 35)**, introduced by **Raymond Butler (Class 15)**; **Heather Mitchell (Class 32)**, introduced by Dr. Howard Houser; **Trent Lind (Class 35)**, introduced by his father, **Dick Lind (Class 5)**; and **Neeysa Bidle (Class 26)**, introduced

by Dr. Gerald Glandon.

The Alumni Association presented Rush with a UAB rocking chair and then Dr. Glandon read a resolution outlining Rush's honors and accomplishments



*(L-R) Tommy McDougal (Class 4), Rush Jordan, Tom McDougal (Class 27) and Mike Garrigan (Class 9) enjoy the evening.*

that he has made during his career. His legacy will have a lasting impact on the way that health care is delivered.

Visit the website ([www.uab.edu/hsa](http://www.uab.edu/hsa)) for highlights of the evening.

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Share your career changes, family news, etc., with us via email ([randahall@uab.edu](mailto:randahall@uab.edu)) by August 31, 2002, and it will be included in the Fall 2002 MSHA News!



## UAB Alumni in The News

**Charles Faulkner, FACHE (Class 9)**  
President, Princeton Baptist Medical Center  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Appointed Interim ACHE Regent Alabama

**Craig Honaman, FACHE (Class 5)**  
Executive Vice President/Principal  
H & H Consulting Partners  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Appointed ACHE Regent Georgia

**Sharon Roush (Class 23)**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Tallahassee Community Hospital  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Received "Up and Comer" Award from  
ACHE Regent for Northern Florida

## Career Changes

**Jeff Jennings (Class 26)**  
Sr. Vice President/COO  
Good Shepherd Health System  
Longview, Texas

**Chris Lee (Class 32)**  
Administrative Officer—Pediatrics  
MCG Health, Inc.  
Martinez, Georgia

## Family Additions

**Stacy and Perry White (Both of Class 29)**  
announce the birth of their son, Davis  
Lawton, born May 15, 2002.

## MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE PRECEPTORS' CONFERENCE ON JUNE 27—28, 2002

Marie Sinioris, Vice President, National Center for Health Care Leadership, will deliver the Van Zile Scott Lecture at the 2002 Preceptors' Conference. The event will be held June 27-28, 2002, at The Sheraton Civic Center Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama.

If you have not registered to attend the Preceptors' Conference, you may still do so online at :

<http://critical1.shrp.uab.edu/hsa/register.asp>

Following the Van Zile Scott lecture and departmental updates, registrants will have lunch with faculty, students, and alumni. The afternoon will give preceptors and stu-



Join UAB at the Annual Preceptors' Conference held in Birmingham, Alabama

dents an opportunity to get acquainted with one another. There will be a reception on Thursday evening from 5:30 pm —7:00 pm at the Sheraton Civic Center Hotel. On Friday, June 28, preceptors will interview students for possible residency placement.

We have an excellent group of students in Class 37 that

will begin interviewing for their residencies during this conference.

If your schedule does not permit you to attend the Preceptors' Conference, we will be glad to arrange another time on-campus for you to interview students.

If your organization has not participated before in the Preceptors' Conference and would be interested in learning about the process, please contact Randa Hall, Assistant Program Director at (205) 934-3332, or via email ([randahall@uab.edu](mailto:randahall@uab.edu)).

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