

HIETT HONORED BY SHMERLINGS AND MSHA CLASS 14

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DEBBIE AND JIM SHMERLING created an Endowed Scholarship in honor of Dr. Tee Hiett and a special celebration was held on Friday, Sept. 20, 2013. The Shmerling's \$25,000 gift created the permanent endowment scholarship which will assist deserving students entering or enrolled in the Master of Science in Health Administration (MSHA) Program with preference shown to applicants formally enrolled in the MSHA/MSHI (Master of Science in Health Informatics) dual degree option.

"Debbie and I have discussed how do we want to give back to the people that helped us the most and Tee was the most influential person on me not only when I was in graduate school but also in my career," said Dr. Shmerling, UAB MSHA alumnus (Class 14) and president and CEO of Children's Hospital Colorado. "He was one of the most demanding faculty members I had at UAB. It didn't feel so good at the time, but it was a good thing because it was important in terms of discipline."

Tee Hiett, Ph.D., taught courses related to the use of computers and quantitative methods in health administration at UAB from 1972 until his retirement in 1995. Even after his retirement, Hiett continues to contribute by enhancing the administrative residency matching program as well as the admissions database. In addition to the endowed scholarship, graduates of MSHA Class 14 including Mark Anderson, Janet Perry Book, Doris Reinhart, Jim Shmerling and Mike Williams contributed funding that



Monterey Hiett, Lynne Hutton, Tee Hiett, PhD, Deb Hiett Valenti, Debbie and Jim Shmerling

honors Dr. Hiett's love for technology – the 5th floor MSHA Student Computer Lab and Conference Room.

"Graduates always have stories about a couple people who have had a pivotal role in their time as students and Tee is one of the top names you hear around here," said School of Health Professions Dean Harold P. Jones, Ph.D. "He encouraged our students to think about things they would not have thought about otherwise. He was a pioneer in the use of information and data driven decision making in healthcare management."

"The MSHA program has been around for nearly 50 years and when I look around at the students and faculty I see a group of people that are at the threshold of jumping into the next 50 years," said Hiett, professor emeritus, Department of Health Services Administration. "And I believe it is contributions like this from Jim and Debbie that will attract and keep good, quality, valuable

people for years to come at UAB."

Hiett also served on UAB projects in Saudi Arabia, China, the Republic of Panama, El Salvador and Guatemala. He is a past recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship to work in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Additional gifts may be added to the scholarship at any time. Contact Katie Adams at katiadav@uab.edu or 205-996-5469 if you are interested in contributing or would like more information. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates solid academic accomplishment as well as professional and extracurricular achievement.

The event was held on the 6th floor of the new addition to the School of Health Professions Building. His daughters Lynne Hutton and Deb Hiett Valenti flew in from Los Angeles to attend the ceremony.

(adapted from press release)

MANCINI RECOGNIZED FOR SUPPORT OF THE MSHA PROGRAM

For the last five years, Melissa Mancini has interviewed over 300 candidates for the Residential MSHA Program. She gives time each Friday that we have interviews from January until mid-April. She provides insight for the prospective students in terms of what health administration is and what their career in this field can be if they work hard. Melissa has attended orientation and graduation dinners for these students that she becomes acquainted with during the interview process and has even served as a mentor to a number of these students once they are in the program. Melissa really takes her service to the MSHA Program seriously – trying to help us bring in a better cohort each year.

In addition, Melissa has played an integral part in launching the UAB Medicine Innovation Board – reviewing projects for funding as well as managing the Board’s activities including planning, budgeting, and serving as a liaison between the Board and project champions.

She also gives back to the Birmingham community by volunteering for the American Heart Association’s Young Leaders Board, the Humane Society, the Birmingham Track Club and even her Florida State University’s Alumni Association. She has served as an Advisory Board Member for the UAB Community Wind Symphony so her interests go beyond just the healthcare activities.

Congratulations to Melissa for being selected as the 2013 GPHA Alumnus of the Year.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL GPHA MEETING

NASHVILLE, TN: In conjunction with the 33rd National Symposium for Healthcare Executives and the Alumni Association for the Graduate Programs in Health Administration meeting, Jamie Dabal (Class 39) was installed as the Treasurer and Amanda Henson (Class 38) began her tenure as President. The following awards were presented during the annual meeting:

- Outstanding Alumnus: Melissa Mancini (Class 39)
- Outstanding Executive MSHA Student: Shanda Bland (E 47)
- Outstanding Residential MSHA Student: Aaron Elias (Class 48)
- Scholastic Achievement Award: Trey Collins (Class 47) and Natalie Harshbarger (Class 47)
- Past President’s Award: Kerry Gillihan



Melissa Mancini presented award by Amanda Henson, GPHA President



Amanda Henson with Kerry Gillihan



Amanda Henson and Shanda Bland



International Travel Opportunity Cultural Tour and Health System Visit

ISTANBUL AND ANKARA, TURKEY: MAY 18-25, 2014

Join UAB faculty and senior administrators for an exciting and educational visit to the Republic of Turkey, a fascinating country with a rich history and an emerging economy. Our visit will take us to Istanbul, world's only city that spans two continents, and Ankara, the country's capital.

Students and faculty will acquire a well-rounded view of the Turkish Health System, which has seen considerable improvements in health status in the past 30 years. We will meet with educators,

administrators, and clinicians who will share their perspectives on how healthcare is organized, financed, and delivered in a system that has undergone major health reform in the past decade.

Our trip will blend education and fun as we learn about Turkey's history and culture through visits to sites such as the Grand Bazaar, Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque, and the Anatolian Civilization Museum.

The cost will be \$2,500 per person and will include the following:

- Educational fees (excludes tuition if enrolling for course credit)
- Lodging for 7 nights (single occupancy)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- In-country transportation (excludes airfare)
- Entry fees to planned cultural site visits

The cost for alumni who wish to share a room with another person will be \$1,900 per person.

If you would like more information, email Leandra Celaya lcelaya@uab.edu.



Make plans now to attend the 9th Annual MSHA Classic scheduled for Thursday, April 24th at the Robet Trent Jones Oxmoor Valley Golf Course.

CLASS 48 DOUBLES PHILANTHROPIC GENEROSITY

BIRMINGHAM, AL: The 8th Annual MSHA Classic, supported by Class 48 and the Alumni Association of the Graduate Programs in Health Administration, proved to be successful through the hard work and perseverance of the MSHA Classic officers and classmates! The golf tournament generated nearly \$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. In addition, Class 48 donated a total of \$4,000 to two organizations: the American Cancer Society's Joe Lee Griffin's Hope Lodge and the Bell Center.

For the second year, Ballantrae Country Club served as the tournament host and provided a magnificent setting for the tournament. The MSHA Classic provides alumni, preceptors and friends of the MSHA Program 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. This year, we combined the golf tournament with an educational component. Bobby Clark, Senior Manager – PwC Health Research Institute, provided an enlightened lecture on the ACA and the challenges that hospital administrators will face before the shotgun golf tournament started.

1st Place Winners:

Kyle Rice, Logan Young, Clint Calvert, and Taylor Dörner

Entry and participation in the Acura College Alumni Team Championship at Pinehurst Resort which included 36-holes of championship golf on Pinehurst Nos. 2 and 4

2nd Place:

Jeff May, Greg Parker, Todd Nace

\$100 per player to the Ballantrae Pro Shop and two (2) tickets each to the 2013 Regions Tradition at Shoal Creek Country Club.

3rd Place:

John Bromberg, Grayson Chew, Chip Fitts, and David White

\$75 per player to the Ballantrae Pro Shop and four passes to play Cherokee Ridge in Union Grove, AL.

Last Place:

Justin Bryant, Phil Cendoma, Jason Glover, & Corey Lovelace

4 Baseline Box Seats to a Birmingham Barons game.



MSHA Classic Officers: Ross Kemp, Elizabeth Bromberg, Carol Myers, and Felix Kishinevsky



Drew Sargent and Kat Shearer checking on golfers



PwC Team: Front Row (L-R): Amy Alexander and Daniel Enger Back Row (L-R): Ara Dombourian, Andrew Hancher, and Spencer Hall



Class 47 members return to support MSHA Classic (L-R): Skye Weaver, Julie Won Amstutz, and Peter Carr

We are extremely grateful to our generous sponsors and participants which included:



MSHA Classic Officers with Hope Lodge Executive Director



MSHA Classic Officers present check to The Bell Center

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- Johnson Development

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- Amy Landry
- Howard Houser
- Doug Kemp
- Steve Chiepalich
- Huntsville Hospital
- Western Supermarket
- Peter Carr
- Ben Decker

INCOMING RESIDENTIAL PHD STUDENTS



GANISHER K. DAVLYATOV graduated from Tashkent Medical Academy (Uzbekistan) with General Practitioner Diploma in 2006. Then, she received training in Cardiology at the hospital in Tashkent, got involved in World Health Organization's project, and several other medical researchers, which enabled her to publish her own works in

medical and public health journals. Consequently, she was awarded an Edmund Muskie Fellowship in 2011, and completed a Master of Health Science in Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2013. Ms. Davlyatov's research interests are comparative analysis of organization, delivery, and financial management of different health care models (systems) within the United States as well as in other countries.



SOUMYA UPADHYAY completed her Masters in Health Administration from University of Missouri-Columbia in 2006. Following this, she worked for a healthcare plan, Wellcare Inc. in Tampa, FL as a Quality Improvement Analyst. Later she worked for Sutter Health in California as a Clinical Transformation Data Analyst for four years. At Sutter, she worked

on a Moore foundation grant project with focus on reducing hospital acquired infections and saving lives. Soumya is a Certified Quality Improvement Associate from the American Society for Quality and has received formal training in the transactional lean six sigma area. She has completed cost effectiveness studies for interventions on reducing hospital acquired nosocomial infections. She desires to further her research work in one of her interest areas, which are healthcare finance, IT and quality.

INCOMING DSC STUDENTS: FALL 2013

	NAME & TITLE	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
	William Breen Senior Vice President of Physician Alignment	Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare	Memphis, Tennessee
	Vance Chunn Chief Executive Officer	Cardiology Associates	Mobile, Alabama
	John Cunningham Senior Vice President Client Operations	Med Assets- Alpharetta, GA	Alpharetta, Georgia
	Michael Griffin President and CEO	Daughters of Charity Services New Orleans Ascension Health	New Orleans, Louisiana
	Lucas Higman V.P. and Consultant	Soyring Consulting, Inc.	Saint Petersburg, Florida

	NAME & TITLE	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
	Mark Lombardi V.P. (Director of Strategic Accounts)	GE Capital Healthcare Financial Services	Nashville, Tennessee
	Betty Mortensen President	Innovative Healthcare Solutions, Inc.	Crystal Lake, Illinois
	Deana Nelson Exec. V.P./ Chief Operating Officer	Tampa General Hospital	Tampa, Florida
	Henry Thompson Chief Executive Officer	Community Health Center of Richmond, Inc.	Staten Island, New York
	Edward Sharpless Founder and CEO	Platformhealth Inc.	Santa Monica, California

MSHA CLASS 49

CLASS MEMBER	COLLEGE	MAJOR	HOMETOWN
Logan Austin	University of Alabama	Finance	Albany, GA
Gregory Beliles	University of South Alabama	Nursing	Spanish Fort, AL
Morgan Broussard	Louisiana Tech University	Marketing	Baton Rouge, LA
Leslie Butts	Trinity University	Economics	Gilbert, AZ
Nicholas Colleran	Curry College	Business Management	Weymouth, MA
Allan Crockett	University of Alabama	General Business	Birmingham, AL
Philip Cunningham	University of Mississippi	Biology/HR Management	Louisville, MS
Sydney Davis	Louisiana State University	Communication Disorders	Baton Rouge, LA
Chelsea Downs	University of Florida	Nursing	Englewood, FL
Gordon Evans	Brigham Young University	Business Management	Salt Lake City, UT
Lauren Gilley	Vanderbilt University	Economics	Mobile, AL
Kendall Guillot	Louisiana Tech University	Health Information Management	West Monroe, LA
Justin Harris	Georgetown University	Political Science	Nicholasville, KY
Alyssa Hendry	University of New Mexico	Operations Management	Albuquerque, NM
Sarah Hughes	Furman University	Biology	Richardson, TX
Samantha Ing	Georgia Southern University	Community Health	Huntsville, AL
Lauren Jones	Mississippi State University	Economics	Madison, MS
Nikita Maladkar	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Medical Industrial Distribution	Madison, AL
Hannah Norton	Virginia Commonwealth University	Exercise Science	Harrisonburg, VA
Roshni Panchal	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Management	Madison, MS
Lauren Poist	University of Alabama	Marketing, Management	Tuscaloosa, AL
Daniel Reinman	Winthrop University	Healthcare Administration	Florence, SC
Taylor Rudd	Brigham Young University-Idaho	Health Science	Rexburg, ID
Catharine Rushdi	University of Alabama	Business Management	Falls Church, VA
Samantha Serley	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Health Care Management	Spring Hill, TN
Xuebo (Sharon) Tang	Kunming Medical College	Medicine and Surgery	Kunming, China
Meagan Thompson	University of Mississippi Medical Ctr	Nursing	Clarksdale, MS
Leidy Vicuna	Auburn University	Health Services Administration	Fairhope, AL
Geelita Williams	Adelphi University	Psychology	Staten Island, NY
Tallee Williams	University of Alabama	Business Management	Tuscaloosa, AL
Hailee Willingham	Texas A & M University	Psychology	Brock, TX

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Community Health Systems
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Jinping Su

Chief Financial Officer
Health Systems Management
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Officer
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EXECUTIVE DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS COMPLETED IN 2013

STUDENT	PROFESSIONAL TITLE	ORGANIZATION	DISSERTATION TITLE	CHAIR
Rick Wallace	President/ CEO	San Juan Regional Medical Center- Farmington, NM	"Employer-based Wellness Programs: Financial Value to Organization/Healthy Life Style Benefit to the Employee"	Richard Shewchuk, PhD
Barbara Guerard	Senior Vice President Health Services	People's Health	"The Burden of Chronic Conditions on Self-Reported Health Status in a Medicare Advantage Plan Population"	S. Robert Hernandez, DrPh
Raymond Snead, Jr.	Interim Chief Financial Officer	South Georgia Medical Center	"The Contribution of Interim Executives to the Healthcare Industry"	Amy Landry, PhD
Mary Temm	President	Temm and Associates, Inc.	"Patient-Centered Medical Homes: Analysis of the Effects of Practice Capabilities on Costs"	Larry Hearld, PhD
Joseph Webb	Chief Operating Officer	Healthy Memphis Common Table (HMCT), a regional health collaborative focused on population health and health equity.	"Effect of a Faith-Based Initiative on Hospital Readmissions"	Robert Weech-Maldonado, DrPh

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 25, 2014: ACHE Reception at Fairmont Hotel (Chicago, IL)
- April 24, 2014: 9th Annual MSHA Classic (Oxmoor Valley Golf Course, Birmingham, AL)
- April 25, 2014: MSHA Class 48 Graduation Dinner (The Club atop Red Mountain, Birmingham, AL)
- August 5-8, 2014: 34th National Symposium for Executives (Sandestin, FL)

CLASS 49 ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS AND CLASS LEADERSHIP



Suzanne Woods sharing her career advice to Class 49



Class 49 completes Alabama 4-H Orientation

COLUMBIANA, AL AND BIRMINGHAM, AL: From August 21–23, 2013, all member of Class 49 had the opportunity to become acquainted with each other, faculty members and members of Class 48 during their orientation at the Alabama 4-H Center and the new home of the MSHA Program on the fifth floor of the School of Health Professions. During the orientation at the Alabama 4-H Center, Suzanne Woods (Class 29) shared her experiences from being an administrative resident to Chief Executive Officer at Flowers Medical Center in Dothan, Alabama. She also provided incredible life lessons to Class 49 and responded to a number of their questions. We certainly appreciated Suzanne making the drive to speak to our incoming cohort – 20 years after she had begun the MSHA Program.

On Friday, the students also had the opportunity to learn about a number of organizations that could be a benefit to their professional development while in the program and as they launch their careers.

- Andrew Gnann (Class 38) provided an overview of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) at the national and local level;
- Jason Bidy (CEO of Alabama Allergy and Asthma Center, LLC) spoke about the benefits of joining the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) at the national, state or local level.
- Antionette Smith Epps (School of Public Health Doctoral Candidate and former CEO of The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services/MLK Hospital, Los Angeles, CA) shared benefits of belonging to the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) and answered questions the class had about the life of a healthcare executive.
- Class 48 Officers gave an overview of each officer position and what it takes to be successful in each role.



Hannah Norton, Samantha Serley and Sarah Hamilton



Allan Crockett, Daniel Reinman, Nick Colleran, and Logan Austin

Following lunch, Martin Nowak (Class 15) concluded the session with his pearls of wisdom relating to succeeding in the field of health administration – exploring lessons he has learned throughout his career. With all of the orientation components completed, the students began classes on August 26th.



Team building through low ropes course

Class 49 Officers:

President:	Gordon Evans
VP, External Affairs:	Sydney Davis
VP, Finance:	Greg Beliles
VP, Philanthropy:	Hannah Norton
VP, Social Affairs:	Chelsea Downs
VP, Inter-Professional Collaboration	Samantha Serley

MSHA Classic Officers:

President	Kendall Guillot
VP, Logistics	Morgan Broussard
VP, Sponsorship	Justin Harris
VP, Marketing	Hailee Willingham

SCHOLARSHIPS ASSIST IN GRADUATE EDUCATION



Nevette Sample



Lisa Kate Jarrett

Congratulations to Nevette Sample (Class 48) who received the nationally competitive Albert W. Dent Scholarship from the American College of Healthcare Executives. In addition, Lisa Kate Jarrett (Class 48) was selected as the recipient of the Alabama HFMA Scholarship. We are very fortunate to be able to award scholarships through the generous support of our alumni in the form of endowed scholarships, ACHE and the Alabama Chapter of HFMA. These awards enable us to recruit the best students to our MSHA Program.

CLASS 49 PICKS *Philanthropy*

Class 49 has selected Glenwood Autism and Behavioral Health Center as their class philanthropy and will complete a number of initiatives for the organization during their two years in Birmingham. They started this past fall by painting one of their resident homes in the community and will also contribute funds from the 9th Annual MSHA Classic planned for April 24, 2014.



Class 49 members painting at
Glenwood



Class 49 working at Glenwood

- Robert C. Chapman Endowed Scholarship: Hannah R. Norton, Geelita S. Williams
- Health Services Administration Endowed Scholarship: Samantha L. Serley
- 25th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship: Lauren E. Gilley, Chelsea E. Downs, Sydney M. Davis, Leslie L. Butts, Morgan I. Broussard, Gregory R. Beliles
- Jon E. Vice Scholarship: Justin D. Harris, Lauren M. Poist
- 35th Anniversary Endowed Scholarship: Alyssa D. Hendry, Sarah L. Hughes
- Richard Lind Endowed Scholarship: Gordon D. Evans, Sarah L. Hughes, Mary Lauren Jones, Nikita M. Maladkar, Roshni B. Panchal, Samantha L. Serley, Meagan K. Thompson, Leidy Vicuna, Tallee R. Williams, Hailee E. Willingham, DeMaris Ron Wilson
- Michael Garrigan Endowed Scholarship: Tallee R. Williams
- Robert Zasa Endowed Scholarship: Julian Philip Cunningham
- J. Kenneth Roan Endowed Scholarship: Lauren M. Poist, Catharine A. Rushdi
- Scott Braxton Ryland Endowed Scholarship: Nicholas M. Colleran, Chelsea E. Downs
- Jessica Grundt Stefaniak Endowed Scholarship: Gordon D. Evans, Kendall J. Guillot
- Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Williams Endowed Scholarship: Daniel K. Reinman
- Alabama Chapter of HFMA Scholarship: Lisa Kate Jarrett
- Albert W. Dent Scholarship: Nevette Sample

If you are interested in sharing your career lessons and/or expertise next fall, then contact Randa Hall (randahall@uab.edu).

BOOK DISCUSSION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES BRINGS THE “REAL WORLD” TO CAMPUS

Based on exit interview feedback from Class 47, we launched a book discussion as the fall semester began. As usual, we provided a summer reading list to incoming Class 49 but this year we actually discussed Atul Gawande’s book, *Complications*, with both the Residential and Executive MSHA students. We tapped into our younger alumni in the Birmingham area to meet with the Residential students and recruited Executive graduates that led the discussions during the fall on-campus session in September. Based on the positive responses from each group, we plan to continue this next year. We certainly appreciate the area alumni who participated. The pictures below showcase the book discussions.

Each fall, the MSHA Program enjoys hosting speakers from diverse backgrounds who can share their experiences and expertise with MSHA students. We continued our intentional strategy to include non-traditional aspects of the healthcare industry as well as some of the typical tracks our graduates have always pursued. We certainly appreciate these individuals’ willingness to take time away from their jobs to “give back” to our graduate students. Class 48 and Class 49 learned about the following organizations:

- UF Health Shands Hospital, Ed Jiminez, Senior Vice President & COO, and current residents
- Emory Healthcare Fellowship Overview with Emily Pugh and Natalie Harshbarger (Class 47)
- ACA / Health Reform Panel Discussion facilitated by Matt Cybulsky, PhD (Class 41) with Dr. Bill Curry and Anna Velasco
- Ochsner Health System, Michael Hulefeld shared innovations they are trying within their health system.
- NorthShore University HealthSystem (Evanston, IL) presented by Gabrielle Cummings
- PwC – What is a residency like at PricewaterhouseCoopers and is it right for you? Presented by Nikaela Georgulis (Class 45), Allison Clemmons (Class 45) and Brandon Lambert (Class 47)
- American Family Care presented their strategy for growth and franchising with DocSpot – Lauren Walls and Lauren Simmons.
- Pfizer – How A Pharmaceutical Company is Partnering with Health Care Organizations presented by Andrea Shapiro.
- Abbott Nutrition – new roles and venues for administrative residency – Julianna Vaughn (Class 45)



Melissa Mancini (Class 39) and Mary Chris Ponder (Class 42), Lead Residential book discussion



Executive MSHA Alumni Facilitators for book discussion. Front Row (L-R): Eric Walker and Maria Faulkner Bogle
Back Row (L-R): Ginger Azbik, Sara Patterson, Nan Priest, Brian Spraberry, Wes Smith, MD, Liz Prosch, Samika Williams, Dawn Bulgarella, Robert Stanley, MD, and Warren Smedley. Not pictured: Jason Williams.

ALUMNI UPDATES

CLASS #	ALUMNUS NAME	POSITION CHANGE AND OTHER NEWS	ORGANIZATION (CITY, STATE)
3	Oscar Aylor, FACHE	Director of Government and Area Relations	Harnett Health System (Dunn, NC)
13	Thomas Hackney	We are sad to report that Tom Hackney passed away on January 29, 2014 after a career of creating 10 new businesses in Alabama especially his favorite one, Foundation for Better Health.	
16	Charles Stewart, FACHE	Market CEO, Arkansas	Sparks Health System (Fort Smith, AR)
19	Vickie Fant	Administrator	Women's Clinic of Mississippi (Jackson, MS)
20	Blake Campbell	President and Financial Adviser	One Source Financial (Vero Beach, FL)
22	Ben Hall, III	Director of Education and Volunteer Services	Halifax Health (Daytona Beach, FL)
23	Teresa Shufflebarger	Vice President, Strategic Planning and Business Development	Baptist Health System (Birmingham, AL)
24	Susan Boudreau	Human Resources Specialist	Internal Medicine Center, LLC (Mobile, AL)
24	Gil Englehardt	Senior Leasing Representative	Boxer Property (Houston, TX)
24	LaDon Jones, Ph.D.	Associate Professor	National University (San Diego, CA)
26	Anthony Patterson, FACHE	Senior Vice President, Inpatient Services	UAB Hospital (Birmingham, AL)
27	Kenneth Haynes, FACHE	Regional Chief Operating Officer	CHRISTUS Health - Santa Rosa (San Antonio, TX)
27	Judy Hamer	We are sad to report that Judy Hamer passed away on February 21, 2014 after a short illness.	
30	Casey Sorrell	Chief Operating Officer	Baptist Health Care - Medical Group (Pensacola, FL)
33	Todd Lewis	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (Washington, DC)
33	Sean Tinney, FACHE	Chief Operating Officer	Medical West Hospital, An Affiliate of UAB Health System (Bessemer, AL)
35	Chad Kramer	Chief Operating Officer	Berwick Hospital Center (Berwick, PA)
35	Erin Zeringue	President and GE Certified Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt	A3 Solutions, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA)
36	Jason Busby	Vice President	Confluence Consulting by Cannon Design (San Francisco, CA)
37	Jeff Denney, CMPE	Administrator	Southern Crescent Hospital (Riverdale, GA)
37	Bradley Ervin, FACHE	Vice President, Operations	UPMC Northwest (Seneca, PA)

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37	Bryan Lee, FACHE	Chief Operating Officer	Osceola Regional Medical Center (Kissimmee, FL)
37	Keith Marks, FACHE	Executive Administrator	UAB Department of Psychiatry (Birmingham, AL)
38	Amanda Henson, FACHE	Vice President, Oncology	Baptist Health Lexington (Lexington, KY)
38	Matt Sherer	Matt was elected to a three year term beginning as President-elect of the Association of Cancer Executives, the national organization committed to the leadership development of oncology executives through continuing education and professional networking designed to promote improvement in patient care delivery. In addition, Matt is also a grandfather to Ryleigh Grace.	
38	Lenetra McCord, FACHE	Chief Operating Officer	Menorah Medical Center (Overland Park, KS)
38	Jeffrey Vice	Chief Operating Officer	St. Joseph's Hospital (Fort Wayne, IN)
38	Ethan Watson, Ph.D.	Completed his doctoral degree at the University of Mississippi and secured a job as Assistant Professor, Finance at the University of North Carolina – Wilmington in Wilmington, North Carolina.	
38	Ken Whitlock	Ken retired from the Air Force in 2013 and is currently a Group Practice Manager with ISI Professionals at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida	
39	Christopher Cosby	Chief Operating Officer	Doctors Hospital of Augusta (Augusta, GA)
39	Julie Gorham, JD	Compliance Privacy & FOIA Officer	VA Mid-South Network Office (Nashville, TN)
39	Melissa Mancini	Married Matt Dickerson on December 8, 2013.	
40	Craig Maxey	Tenet's Leadership Development Program	Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center (Houston, TX)
40	Jennifer Sirmon Peters	Jennifer has taken early retirement from Emory Healthcare to focus on her growing family. Camille Catherine (Millie) was welcomed into the world on July 9th and joins big brother Anderson.	
41	Christopher Beckham	Assistant Vice President	Lexington Medical Center (West Columbia, SC)
41	Scott Crawford	Director, Revenue Management	UAB Medical West (Bessemer, AL)
41	Dana Gillies	Sales Representation/Joint Preservation	Stryker (Birmingham, AL)
41	Jeanette Glenn, CHFP	Dept Administrator, Gynecologic Oncology & Reproductive Medicine	University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, TX)
42	Anit Makhija	Manager, Quality and Patient Safety Improvement	New York Presbyterian - Columbia University Medical Center (New York, NY)

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42	Brent and Katrina Morgan	Welcome their son, Beckham, who was born on October 28, 2013.	
42	Blake Sims	Special Assistant to the President & CEO	St. Luke's Health System (Houston, TX)
42	Brad Tate	Mallory and Brad welcomed Nora Kathryn Tate to this world on February 28, 2014. Also, Brad was promoted to Associate Administrator at Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.	
43	Kevin Brantley	Senior Consultant	Encore Health Resources (Nashville, TN)
43	Ashley Rhea Dickinson	Chief Operating Officer	Porter Health Care System (Valparaiso, IN)
43	Sarah Dudley	Chief Operating Officer	Baptist Medical Center-Princeton (Birmingham, AL)
43	Oliviya Floyd	Consultant, Healthcare Revenue Cycle	3M Healthcare (Dallas, TX)
43	Lee Hammonds	Manager-Quality & Patient Safety Analytics	UAB Health System (Birmingham, AL)
43	Reginald Sennie	Acting Deputy, Solutions Branch	Defense Health Agency (DHA) (San Antonio, TX)
44	Jessica Bakane	Vice President of Business Services	Retina & Vitreous Associates of Alabama, LLC (Birmingham, AL)
44	Michael Conrad	Director - Payer Contracting & Revenue Cycle Analytics	Huntsville Hospital Health System (Huntsville, AL)
44	Carlie Gotlieb	Practice Administrator, Fogelson Pediatric Plastic Surgery Center	Children's Medical Center of Dallas (Dallas, TX)
44	Jessica Hunter	Director for Outpatient Services	Emory St. Joseph's Health System (Atlanta, GA)
44	Tommy Middleton	Manager - Extender Services	University of Florida Health Shands (Gainesville, FL)
44	Melissa Paschenko, CPA	Manager, Patient Financial Services	UAB Hospital (Birmingham, AL)
44	Aaron Williams	Director of Operations	Piedmont Medical Care Corporation (Atlanta, GA)
45	Jim Bush	Director of Practice Operations	Seton Medical Group (Mobile, AL)
45	Edward Hill	Vice President of Operations	Medical Business Analytics 523 (Montgomery, AL)
45	Rudy Lindsey	Program Manager, Transition, Integration & Real Estate	Children's Hospital of Denver (Aurora, CO)
45	Samuel Lynd	Chief Executive Officer / Administrator	Baptist Memorial Hospital - Tipton (Tipton, TN)

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45	Jamie McAdams	Assistant Administrator, Hospital-Based Clinics	North Mississippi Medical Center (Tupelo, MS)
45	Jordan Voigt	Administrator, Genesis Medical Center - West Campus	Genesis Health System (Davenport, IA)
45	Atanur Yilmaz	Administrator and Business Development	TAHE International Metal Mining Inc (Ankara, Turkey)
46	Sarah Knight	Operations & Planning Coordinator	Emory Healthcare (Decatur, GA)
46	Liz Pomierski	Network Operations Representative	CIGNA HealthSpring (Atlanta, GA)
46	Alvonice Spencer	External Representative, Network Operations	CIGNA HealthSpring (Atlanta, GA)
E 33	Kenneth Dover	Regional Manager	Corizon Health (Birmingham, AL)
E 36	Nitikul Solomon, M.D.	Physician	Willamette Family Medical Center (Salem, OR)
E 40	Linda Coogan, CPHQ FACHE	Director of Performance Improvement	Children's of Alabama (Birmingham, AL)
E 40	Karen Koch, Pharm.D.	Director of Research	MultiCare Health System (Tacoma, WA)
E 45	Arpan Limdi	Associate Vice President	UAB University Hospital (Birmingham, AL)
PhD	Pamela Autrey, PhD MSN MBA	Chief Nursing Officer	Medical West Hospital, An Affiliate of UAB Health System (Bessemer, AL)
PhD	Patricia Greenup, Ph.D.	After working at UAB for 30 years, Dr. Greenup has now retired from her role as Assoc. Prof, Clinical Lab Sciences.	University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL)
PhD	Donna Malvey, PhD	Dr. Malvey was awarded a sabbatical for Fall 2013 to complete original research and finish writing a book. She has also been appointed as an Adjunct Associate Professor, Brown University (Providence, RI) in their Executive Master's Program in Health Care Management. In 2014, she will work with Dr. Donna Slovensky and Dr. Myron Fottler on a book on health services management research to be published in fall 2014.	
PhD	Thomas McIlwain, Ph.D.	Professor & Director, MHA Program	Clayton State University (Morrow, GA)
PhD	Martha Starkey, Ph.D.	Associate Professor	Florida A&M University (Tallahassee, FL)
PhD	Jessie Tucker, PhD	Dr. Jessie Tucker has been elected to the Council of Regents, the legislative body of the American College of Healthcare Executives. As a Regent, Dr. Tucker will represent one of the largest ACHE member areas in the country.	