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Fall 2016

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

With eight incoming orientations completed in August and September, UAB's Fall semester is moving forward quickly! We have experienced tremendous growth across all the programs in the department and I encourage you to read about each one in this, our second digital version of *Nexus*.

Already this year we have had a number of outstanding firsts, including:

- Graduation of the initial cohort of our Master of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety (MSHQS) program;
- The University of Alabama Board of Trustees approved naming Dr. Amy Landry as the first Howard W. Houser Endowed Professor in Health Services Administration;
- The Board also approved the first endowment to support the Master of Science in Health Informatics program honoring the memory of Terrell Herzig;
- We initiated our first Leadership and Executive Access Program (LEAP) with Steve Perry (MSHA Class 8) this month;
- We are planning the inaugural "Beyond the H" National Summit on Ambulatory and Non-Acute Care on January 27, 2017.



Tapan Mehta, Meghan McCarthy and
Christy Lemak at CHOT event

Our alumni are at the center of what we do and we appreciate how you engage with us in so many ways. Please take a few moments to read about all the exciting initiatives that UAB's Department of Health Services Administration is involved in within the university and around the world.

Thanks for all you do to develop leaders to shape tomorrow's health care!

Christy H. Lemak

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



HEALTHCARE QUALITY & SAFETY

SIXTEEN
— years of —
WORK EXPERIENCE
PER STUDENT

1,107
years of combined
work experience

68%	32%
FEMALE	MALE

MINORITIES REPRESENT 41%

OF THE STUDENT BODY

MSHQ Graduates Inaugural Class

On Saturday, August 13, 2016, the UAB School of Health Professions' Healthcare Quality and Safety programs made history when the inaugural Master of Science class graduated during UAB's Summer Commencement.

"The importance of expertise in the realm of quality improvement and patient safety cannot be overstated. As our industry increasingly drives towards greater attention to quality and safety outcomes to optimize patient experiences, organizations will need to develop mastery in process improvement," said Deirdre McCaughey, Ph.D., Program Director, Healthcare Quality and Safety programs.

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Deborah Grimes and Deirdre McCaughey

BS HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

STUDENTS
— from —
14 STATES

MINORITIES REPRESENT 48%

OF THE STUDENT BODY

STUDENTS FROM
TEN
COUNTRIES

91%
of students are involved
in co-curricular and
extracurricular activities

Alumnus Rankins Feeds Minds

Gregory Rankins, Revenue Cycle Manager for Skin Diagnostics Group and a 2012 graduate of HCM, recently hosted a Breakfast with Blazers. BWB connects alumni

with an intimate number of students from their program for mentoring. Rankins, an [SHP Junior Advisory Board](#) member, did not stop there though, he has also provided HCM students with shadowing opportunities since then.



Gregory Rankins, HCM '12, with current HCM students

MS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (RESIDENTIAL)



of first-year students have completed a Health Administration Internship



undergraduate programs



31 STUDENTS from 13 STATES



Referred to MSHA program by alumni & students

Landry Named Inaugural Howard W. Houser Endowed Professor

Amy Yarbrough Landry, Ph.D., (MSHA Class 35 and PhD 2006) Program Director, Master of Science in Health Administration program, has been named the inaugural Howard W. Houser Endowed Professor in Health Administration in the School of Health Professions.



Amy Landry with Howard Houser

"Howard has been here since the beginning of the MSHA program and it has been a privilege to learn from him, work with him and now be honored by his endowed professorship," said Landry. "There are so many things he did years ago that changed how health care was taught then and people still teach today - I look forward to honoring his legacy with the next generation of health care leaders."

[Full Story](#)

Meet MSHA Class 52

You see the stat in the graphic above - 31 students from 13 states.

But they are more than numbers. Who is from Idaho? Wisconsin? Utah?

Who majored in Chinese? Spanish? Psychology?

Click below to see the next generation of healthcare leaders.

[Meet Class 52](#)



MSHA Class 52

MS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (EXECUTIVE)

250
years of combined
work experience

30
of students in our
largest cohort ever

WORK CATEGORIES

53%	Hospitals/Health System
17%	Medical Group Practice
10%	School of Medicine
8%	Long Term Care
12%	Consulting, Insurance, Other

77%
CLINICAL BACKGROUND

83%
MANAGEMENT BACKGROUND

Meet EMSHA Class 52

They come from New York to Mississippi.

They are professors and chairmen. They are therapists and nurses. They cover all spectrum of health care.

Click below to see the healthcare leaders who chose UAB to make a critical step up in their career.

[Meet Class E52](#)

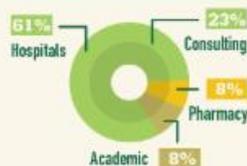


EMSHA Class E52

MS HEALTH INFORMATICS PROGRAM

166
years of combined
work experience

WORK CATEGORIES



THIRTEEN
— years of —
WORK EXPERIENCE
PER STUDENT

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

15%	Business/ HCM
31%	Liberal Arts
8%	Science/ Engineering
6%	Clinical

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8 MORE MSHI COURSES



MS IN HEALTH INFORMATICS

Feldman Named New MSHI Director

Sue S. Feldman, RN, MEd, Ph.D., has been named the new

program director of the Master of Science in Health Informatics (MSHI) program.

"My vision for UAB's MSHI program is to be amongst the top in the nation with highly sought after graduates," said Feldman who holds a joint appointment in the UAB School of Medicine in the Informatics Institute.

Feldman is a leading health informatics researcher who worked at Pepperdine University (Los Angeles, CA) immediately prior to UAB.



Sue Feldman named MSHI program director

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Meet the MSHI First-Years

We have a variety of students from all aspects of health care. Analysts, nurses, managers, pharmacists and a senior software engineer.

[Meet the MSHI students](#)

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM

14 STUDENTS
— from —
14 STATES

WORK BACKGROUND

73%	Hospitals/Health System
7%	Medical Group Practice
7%	Consulting
13%	Other

79%
OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE
TITLE OF VP OR HIGHER

348
years of combined
work experience

Meet the Executive DSc 2016 Cohort

You see the stat above - basically 8 out of 10 students are VPs or higher. So who are they and what do they do?

They are consultants and executives who oversee areas such as performance excellence, health information, pediatrics, quality and safety and much more

[Meet the DSc 2016 Cohort](#)

Elizabeth Hendrix named Presidential Management Fellow

Elizabeth Hendrix, Ph.D., program manager of the UAB Department of Health Services Administration's Doctoral Programs, has been named to the Presidential Management Fellows program Class of 2016. She is the only selection from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and 1 of only 3 chosen from the state of Alabama.

There were more than 6,000 applicants for the 2016 Fellowship with only 455 advancing to finalists with only approximately half of those reaching the status of fellow.



Elizabeth Hendrix named

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PHD PROGRAM



MINORITIES REPRESENT **71%**

OF THE STUDENT BODY

 **57%**
CLINICAL BACKGROUND
 **43%**
MANAGEMENT BACKGROUND

100%
OF 2016 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
ARE FEMALE

Meet the Ph.D. First-Year Students

For the first time in program history - every Ph.D. student in one cohort is female.

We welcome two professors from UAB and three students from outside of the United States.

[Meet the 2016 Cohort](#)



Ph.D. students and new Program Director Larry Heard, Ph.D. with Steve Perry (MSHA Class 8)

STUDENTS IN ACTION



11th MSHA Classic Recap

The Master of Science in Health Administration program hosted its 11th annual MSHA Golf Classic on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

Class 51 donated \$3,000 to Christ Health Center in Birmingham as the 2016 beneficiary. In addition, the event provided a scholarship fund for students who attend healthcare conferences for professional development and networking opportunities, such as the American College of Healthcare Executives Conference, MGMA, and the [National Symposium for Healthcare Executives](#).



Christ Health Center check presentation

Together Towards Tomorrow: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present and Shaping the Future

The Alabama Healthcare Executives Forum and the University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Health Services Administration partnered to host a networking event titled 'Together Towards Tomorrow: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, and Shaping the Future.'

The event at Avondale Brewery welcomed 92 students, executives and faculty members from across the state making it the largest event of its type in the Forum's history. With an emphasis on mentorship-leadership development, a panel was held featuring Teresa Shufflebarger, Chief Business Development Officer at Brookwood Baptist Health, Ryan Schultz, Director of Revenue Cycle at UAB Health System, and Dawson Smith, Administrative Fellow at UAB Health System.

In addition to a relevant discussion and savory dinner, attendees received information about opportunities within ACHE's local and national chapters and UAB's Department of Health Services Administration educational and continuing education programs.



Scott Johnson, Sarah Paul and Alexis Jackson at ACHE event

2016 Preceptors' Conference

The MSHA program hosted its annual Preceptors' Conference on September 14 - 16 in Birmingham and connected more than 40 healthcare organizations with MSHA students and faculty.

[Read More: Full Article](#)

This is one of the trademarks of the MSHA program and launches the administrative residency process for the second-year MSHA students. This year the MSHA students completed 1,850 interviews over the two days.

In addition, we hosted a Career Networking Expo for recent graduates of the Executive Master of Science in Health Administration Program.

[See More: Event Photos](#)



MSHA Class 51

Students Earn "Real World" Experience

The Department supports students and encourages them to participate in case competitions around the country. During the fall semester, students from the MSHA Program competed in the National Association of Health Services Executive (NAHSE) Annual Everett V. Fox Student Case Competition and the Baylor Case Competition.

By participating in these competitions, students are able to apply what they are learning in the classroom to a "real world" situation.

[See More Photos](#)



MSHA Class 51 students Hoyle, Malone and Dias

ALUMNI IN ACTION

Alumni Spotlight

HCM alumna Julia Tortorice on National TV

CEUFast Co-Founder, Chief Financial Officer and Lead Nurse Planner Julia Tortorice (Health Care Management, 1993) was interviewed on the award-winning, global TV show, Worldwide Business with Kathy Ireland®.

The segment's topic is a new way for nurses to stay current on their education through online courses. CEUFast is a trusted continuing education provider for nurses and other healthcare professionals.



HCM alumna Julia Tortorice with Kathy Ireland

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Shufflebarger named Alumna of the Year

Award presented at Preceptors' Conference

Teresa Chamblee Shufflebarger, alumna of the Master of Science in Health Administration (Class 23) program and Chief Business Development Officer for Brookwood Baptist Health, was selected as the 2016 Alumnus of the Year by the Alumni Association of the Graduate Programs in Health Administration (GPHA).

She was nominated by her classmate, Windsor Westbrook Sherrill, Ph.D., Professor of Public Health Sciences and Associate Vice President for Health Research, Clemson University.



Shufflebarger presented award by Jamie Dabal

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HSA Initiates LEAP

Steve Perry (MSHA Class 8) is 1st participant

Steve Perry, Vice President of Physician Services at ChangeMed Consulting, served as the first participant in the Leadership and Executive Access (LEAP) Program on October 17 - 19, 2016.



Steve Perry (3rd from left) with MSHA students

The Department of Health Services Administration initiated this program to provide time for healthcare executives to meet with students, faculty, alumni and community leaders during a 3-day intensive stay in Birmingham.

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News and Notes

Promotions, weddings, awards and more

With more than 4,000 alumni around the world it is no wonder that there is news to share every day.

Just like any large family, there is always a mix of news, so please join us as we celebrate new beginnings to be cherished by many for years to come and fond farewells of those who already impacted so many for so long.

[See Alumni News and Notes](#)

[Send us your News and Notes](#)



Condolences to the family of Mark Bowling (MSHA Class 16) who passed away October 5.

Alumni Events

Alumni are at the heart of what we do

Since this summer, we have seen graduates in a variety of locations including Sandestin, FL, Brentwood, TN, Raleigh-Durham, NC, Atlanta, GA, Jackson, MS and Birmingham, AL. See if you recognize any of your classmates or colleagues.

[See More Alumni Event Photos](#)



Atlanta Reception

FACULTY IN ACTION



Hernandez appointed Distinguished Service Professor

S. Robert Hernandez, DrPH, has been appointed Distinguished Service Professor in the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Health Professions.

The position of Distinguished Service Professor is appointed by the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees and recognizes a professor's academic service to UAB and their international accomplishments.

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Distinguished Service Professor
Bob Hernandez

Weech-Maldonado wins Top HCM Award

Robert Weech-Maldonado, Ph.D., professor and L.R. Jordan Chair of Health Administration in the UAB School of Health Professions' Department of Health Services Administration, has been awarded the Myron D. Fottler Exceptional Service Award by the Health Care Management (HCM) Division of the Academy of Management (AOM).

"I'm humbled and honored to receive this service award named after Dr. Myron Fottler. Through his mentoring and service to the health care management field, Dr. Fottler has been a role model of exceptional service," indicated Weech-Maldonado.

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Rob Weech-Maldonado
with Myron Fottler

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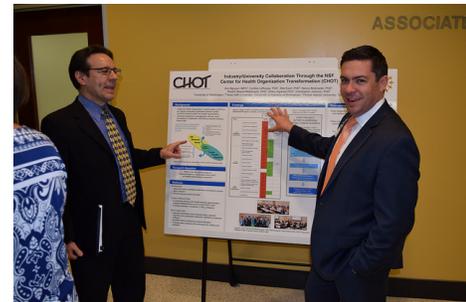


NSF approves UAB Center for Health Organization Transformation (CHOT)

UAB has been approved by the National Science Foundation as an official site for a Center for Health Organization Transformation.

UAB was one of only two universities selected for 2016 and is one of only six CHOT University Sites in the United States.

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CHOT Co-Director Weech-Maldonado
with Christopher M. Brainard (EMSHA
Class 43) at CHOT event

New ONC Partnership Offers Free Health IT Training

The Department of Health Services Administration now offers free online health IT training for individuals currently working in a healthcare setting.

You can choose from three courses and earn CME or CEU plus a Certificate of Completion - online and at your own pace. The training is a partnership with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC).

[Read full story and register here.](#)



UAB is one of only seven institutions
awarded ONC grants for this training

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 4 - 5, 2016: [InnoHack 2016](#)
- November 10, 2016: Health Care Management Honors Student Event
- November 14, 2016: Alumni Reception (Chicago, Illinois at Girl and the Goat). [Click here to register.](#)
- November 29, 2016: Alumni Reception and Meetings (Memphis, TN)
- December 5 - 9, 2016: Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification (Birmingham). [Click here to register.](#)
- January 27, 2017: Beyond the H - National Summit on Ambulatory and Non-Acute Care (Birmingham, Alabama) - registration opens in November.
- February 19-23, 2017: HIMSS (Orlando, Florida) - See you there!
- February 22 - 24, 2017: [11th Health Administration Case Competition](#), LR Jordan Distinguished Lecture
- February 24, 2017: Deborah Bowen, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer of the American College of Healthcare Executives will deliver the L.R. Jordan Distinguished Lecture during lunch on Friday, February 24th. [Click here to register.](#)
- March 28, 2017: Annual ACHE Networking Event, Buddy Guy's Legends (Chicago)
- May 17-19, 2017: Annual National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) Congress (Orlando, FL) - See you there!
- August 9 - 11, 2017: [37th National Symposium for Healthcare Executives](#) (Hilton Sandestin)
- September 13 - 15, 2017: Annual Preceptors' Conference and Van Zile Scott Lecture (Birmingham, Alabama)

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALUMNI

Join UAB faculty and Executive Doctoral students as we travel to Germany in September 2017!

On our exciting four-day visit, we will learn about the structure and guiding principles of the German Health System, tour German hospitals and clinics, and engage in discussions with local practitioners and leaders.

For further details, please contact Dr. Bob Hernandez hernande@uab.edu or Leandra Celaya lcelaya@uab.edu.

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