

2009-2010
Summary of Activities
Office of Development and Alumni Relations

The Medical Alumni Office is directed by Mr. Travis Grantham, Director of Medical Development and Alumni Relations. Office personnel consist of one part-time Assistant Director, Melodie Robinson and Cynthia Harris, full-time Secretary V staff member. The primary role of the office is to organize alumni and student events and to serve as a liaison to the USA Medical Alumni Association.

With the inclusion of the sixty-six (66) new graduates from the Class of 2010, the Medical Alumni Association now has 2117 medical graduates (including one post-humous degree), this number does not include Ph.D. graduates and medical residents/Fellows for the USA Hospital System.

The President of the Executive Board for the Medical Alumni Association was Dr. Thomas B. Montgomery who finished his term in June 2010 and is replaced by Dr. Amy M. Morris. Serving on the 2009-10 Board are the following alumni: Dr. Oscar Almeida, Dr. William Blaylock, Dr. Lamar Duffy, Dr. Cynthia Donnell, Dr. Diana Hashimi, Dr. Russell Hudgens, Dr. Wanda Kirkpatrick, Dr. Kit Outlaw, Dr. Jill Ringold and Dr. David Ross, Dr. Christopher Semple, Dr. John Todd and Dr. Stacey Wing. The Executive Board meets four times a year.

Funding for all alumni and students events/projects is from one revenue source – the Annual Membership Dues Program and Annual Fund Drive – which is a combined effort. Annual membership is \$50 per year with lifetime memberships available for \$500. The three month project raised a total of \$56,350 with 559 alumni graduates participating.

Scholarship development and recognition of academic achievement continues to be a focus for the organization. A new award program was initiated during this period to recognize children of alumni. Legacy Scholarships (\$2,000 each) were awarded to six rising sophomores: Sara Long, Patrick Murphy, Michael Phillips, Amanda Schnee, Joseph Sewell and William Sonnier. Other scholarships sponsored by the MAA were the Christian Grinaker Memorial Scholarship (awarded to Christina Cochran '10), the Lester Sockwell Award (awarded to Jamie Caudill '10) and the Clyde "Sid" Huggins Scholarship (frozen 2010). The MAA donated \$10,000 to the Endowed Scholarship Fund and provided the Office of Admissions additional scholarship funds totaling \$20,000 for recruitment of highly qualified students. The Medical Alumni Leadership Award was presented during Honors Convocation to Aaron Mates (by vote of his class) in recognition of outstanding service during the four years of medical school.

The MAA sponsors the Annual Medical Alumni Weekend, a multi-day event for all USACOM graduates – including hospital residents and faculty. The weekend was held June 4-6 at the Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, AL with six classes celebrating reunion dates (1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005). The activity included seven CME presentations (one a panel discussion) providing 6.75 CME hours for all registered attendees. The presenters were: Dr.

Lynn Dyess '82, Dr. William Broughton '82, Dr. Mark Williams '80, Dr. William Richards, Dr. Ronald Franks and Dr. Robert Kreisberg. The weekend included the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Charles B. Rodning, Professor of Surgery, in recognition of his longstanding commitment to medical education and his administrative contributions to the College of Medicine. The 2011 annual meeting will be held June 4-5 at the same location.

During 2009-10 the MAA donated to several student organizations and sponsored events for alumni and students including: the White Coat Ceremony, Freshman Orientation, Skit Night, Review of Systems, Alumni Mobile Chapter Meeting, BSSO Fall Picnic, team sponsorships for the Regan Robinson Chili/Gumbo Cook-off, and the Caduceus Ball.

The Medical Alumni Office also provides database support for Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and is responsible for organizing their events and dues program. In addition, the office develops a monthly E-Newsletter and a COM Facebook page only for alumni medical graduates and current students of the College of Medicine.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
NUMBER OF GRADUATES BY CLASS**

Class of 1976	20
Class of 1977	62
Class of 1978	56
Class of 1979	59
Class of 1980	56
Class of 1981	67
Class of 1982	61
Class of 1983	71
Class of 1984	65
Class of 1985	61
Class of 1986	67
Class of 1987	64
Class of 1988	62
Class of 1989	49
Class of 1990	59
Class of 1991	64
Class of 1992	50
Class of 1993	65
Class of 1994	69
Class of 1995	59
Class of 1996	64
Class of 1997	65
Class of 1998	63
Class of 1999	60
Class of 2000	58
Class of 2001	65
Class of 2002	60
Class of 2003	59
Class of 2004	60
Class of 2005	59
Class of 2006	60
Class of 2007	64
Class of 2008	65
Class of 2009	63
Class of 2010	66

Total 2117*

***Total includes forty-four deceased alumni**