BIRMINGHAM, AL – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama has selected 27 medical students from four medical schools in Alabama to receive scholarships. As a condition of these scholarships, the recipients agree to practice as primary care or behavioral health physicians in underserved areas of Alabama after graduation.

“I commend each of these students for being selected for this special scholarship,” said Tim Vines, President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. “We are truly grateful for their willingness to serve and provide quality healthcare to those who live in many of the underserved area in our state.”

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Edward Via College of Medicine (VCOM, Auburn)
- Alexandra Korshun     Cleveland, TN
- Caitlin St Blanc     Franklin, LA
- Crystal Smith     Gallion, AL
- Danielle Elmore    Gurley, AL
- James Wisdom              Newton, AL
- Jessen Highfield     Centre, AL
- Rachel Snider              Anniston, AL
- Rebekah Kurtaneck     Buena Park, CA
- Wesley Hostetler     Atmore, AL

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB, Birmingham)
- Alesha Amerson  Phenix City, AL
- Fabian Berru  Sanford, FL
- Magdalene Blevins  Harvest, AL
- Emily Brown     Hamilton, AL
- Ashlynn Clark  Rainbow City, AL
- Chelsey Deloney Hadden  Gardendale, AL
- Jayci Hamrick     Haleyville, AL
- Mallory Jones     Luverne, AL
- Bradford Lepik     Jasper, AL
- Benjamin Nelson     Opp, AL
- Aubriana Smith     Sheffield, AL
- Christian Stone     Groveoak, AL
- McKenzie Donald     Chatom, AL
University of South Alabama (USA, Mobile)
  • Emily Denison of Pace, FL.

Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM, Dothan)
  • Princess Duerte Manila, Phillippines
  • Tyler Millo Greenville, AL
  • Jessica McLean Dothan, AL
  • Grace Thole Medfield, MA

The majority of Alabama’s counties do not have enough primary care and behavioral health physicians. To address this statewide need, Blue Cross continues to invest in the future of its Primary Care Physician Network by providing scholarship opportunities to VCOM, UAB, USA and ACOM.

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