



## BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama

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### UAB Medical Students Selected to Receive Medical School Scholarships from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama

**BIRMINGHAM, AL** – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is proud to announce that eleven medical students were selected to receive a Blue Cross–funded medical school scholarship to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). This scholarship opportunity is for students agreeing to practice as primary care or behavioral health physicians in an underserved area of Alabama.

Congratulations to the following UAB recipients:

- Benjamin Chappell     Alex City, AL
- Phillip Ingram         Sylacauga, AL
- Carson Klein           Salem, AL
- Jennifer Lamar         Eva, AL
- Wesley Minor           Cordova, AL
- Jayla Robinson         Addison, AL
- Griffin Russell         Birmingham, AL
- Joseph Shaw             Centre, AL
- Sarah Summerlin       Phenix City, AL
- Madilyn Tomaso        Fairhope, AL
- Dusty Trotman          Fort Payne, AL

“Congratulations to each of these outstanding medical students who were selected for this scholarship,” said Tim Vines, President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. “I applaud each of them for wanting to make a positive impact in Alabama by providing the quality healthcare needed in many of the underserved areas of our state.”

Recent studies by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Association of Community Health Centers, and the Kaiser Family Foundation show there is a shortage of primary care physicians, and thousands of Alabamians lack access to primary care doctors.

To help meet this need, Blue Cross is investing in the future of its Primary Care Physician Network by making available \$3.6 million in scholarships, over a five-year period, to UAB. Following their residency, the students who benefit from this program will practice for a minimum of three years in one of Alabama’s medically underserved counties, or a city with fewer than 50,000 residents.

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