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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