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## ACOM 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 providing medical scholarships to three Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM) medical students. As a condition of these scholarships, the recipients agreed to practice as primary care or behavioral health physicians in underserved areas of Alabama after graduation.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Callie Bennett Geneva, AL
Sawyer Donald Chatom, AL
Lauren Robinson Decatur, AL

"Congratulations to each of these medical students for being selected for this scholarship," said Tim Vines, President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. "They are truly exceptional students who recognize the importance of this program. I commend them for wanting to make a difference in improving the healthcare of others and wanting to provide the quality healthcare needed in many of the underserved areas of our state."

"I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for the love and support of my community back home, and I can't wait to use this opportunity to give back to them," said Callie Bennett, ACOM medical student scholarship recipient. "I want to thank Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama for giving me this chance to live out my dream."

The majority of Alabama's counties do not have enough primary care and behavioral health physicians. To address this statewide need, Blue Cross is investing in the future of their Primary Care Physician Network by making available \$3 million in scholarships, over a multi-year period, to ACOM.

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