



## BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama

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### **Five Medical Students Selected to Receive Medical School Scholarship from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL** – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is proud to announce that five medical students were selected to receive a Blue Cross–funded scholarship to the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM) in Dothan, Alabama. This is the second year for Blue Cross to make available the scholarship program.

Congratulations to the following ACOM medical students:

- James Corbin Ferguson of Birmingham, AL
- Michael Edward Gray of Pampa, TX
- Samantha Lawson of Phenix City, AL
- Tyler J. Rushforth of Bountiful, UT
- Allison Paige Sullivan of Mobile, AL

“Each of these students is very deserving to be awarded this scholarship,” said Terry Kellogg, President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. “Every Alabamian deserves access to high quality primary care, and we appreciate their strong commitment to this effort.”

“We are pleased to continue our partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama to provide scholarships to these students in exchange for their commitment to serving as primary care physicians in our state,” said Craig J. Lenz, DO, founding dean of ACOM. “We are proud of the five students selected this year as scholarship recipients and thankful for their dedication to the future of healthcare in Alabama.”

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 continues to invest in the future of our Primary Care Physician Network by making available \$3 million in scholarships, over a three-year period, to the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in Dothan, Alabama. This scholarship opportunity is for students agreeing to practice as primary care or behavioral health physicians in an underserved area of Alabama.

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