



## **BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama**

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### **UAB Medical Students Receive Medical School Scholarships From Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL** – Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama has selected 10 University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) medical students to receive scholarships. As a condition of these scholarships, the recipients have agreed to practice as primary care or behavioral health physicians in underserved areas of Alabama after graduation.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Alex Kearns                      Huntsville, Alabama
- Chelsea Clark                  Clay, Alabama
- Clinton Kilcrease              Brantley, Alabama
- Hannah Zahedi                Trussville, Alabama
- Joshua Price                    Arley, Alabama
- Mary Ingram                    Decatur, Alabama
- Sara Frese                      Mountain Brook, Alabama
- Tanner Hallman                Arab, Alabama
- Zoza “Grace” Spears          Andalusia, Alabama
- Savannah Johnson            Arley, Alabama

“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. “These students recognize the demand for more primary care physicians in our state, and we are proud they are committed to making a difference in providing Alabamians access to the quality healthcare they need.”

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 \$3.6 million in scholarships, over a five-year period, to the UAB School of Medicine.

“I’m very grateful that I’ve been chosen for this opportunity and thankful that Blue Cross is investing in primary care,” said Chelsea Clark, UAB medical student and scholarship recipient. “Blue Cross has seen the impact primary care can make. It’s not just suffering we are preventing, but we will also be saving a lot of health care dollars.”

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