

Fall 2018 News

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State Healthcare Leader Appointed AHHOF Chairman



*Dr. George Smith Greets 2010 Honoree
Dr. John Wheat at Luncheon*

Dr. George C. Smith was recently named Chairman of the AHHOF. A native of Lineville, Alabama, Dr. Smith is widely known in Alabama's medical community and has strong statewide connections. The 2014 AHHOF Inductee is past president of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians and served as chair of the MASA Board of Censors, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, and the State Committee of Public Health. He is a recipient of MASA's Galbraith Medical-Political Award and practices medicine with his son and granddaughter.



Class of 2018 Inducted Into the Hall of Fame

On July 21, 2018, there was a full house at Montgomery's Alabama Activity Center as 12 outstanding healthcare professionals were inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame.

The Reverend Joe Boone Abbott, BA, MDiv, DMin
Nationally recognized hospital chaplain and educator

Gerhard A.W. Boehm, MD, FACS
Developed multidisciplinary Tumor Conference;
performed thousands of breast surgeries.

Donnie Calhoun, RPh, FACA, FCVP
Exceptional leader of state and
national pharmacy associations

Boyde J. "Jerry" Harrison, MD
Family physician; opioid researcher;
state healthcare leader

William Lawrence Hawley, MD (1914-2000)
Pioneer physician in clinical use of radioisotopes

Michael D. Hogue, PHarmD, FAPhA
Pharmacist; national immunization leader; educator

F. Martin Lester, MD
Cardiovascular pioneer;
"Mobile's Dean of Internal Medicine"

Ronald S. Owen, FACHE
Leader in development of the
Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

Richard O. Russell, Jr., MD (1932-2018)
Premier state and national leader in cardiology

Nena F. Sanders, PhD, RN, FAAN
National leader in nursing administration and education

Mr. Doyle Williams
CEO of Alabama Eye Bank; founder of
Global Sight Network and sight saving services

William R. Willard, MD (1908-1991)
Established Family Medicine as the
20th medical specialty in U.S.

(photos and bios can be found at www.healthcarehof.com)

Wayne Finley, PhD, MD, Receives Distinguished Service Award

The Board of Directors recently established the Distinguished Service Award for Volunteer Service, named in honor of UAB's Wayne Finley, MD, PhD. Dr. Finley was presented the very first award at the July Awards Luncheon, where Chairman Dr. George Smith praised Dr. Finley for his 20 years as a board member and for his exemplary service as chairman for ten years. He is a 2001 inductee into the AHHOF.



*Dr. Gerhard Boehm congratulates
Dr. Wayne Finley*

Recent Board Member Appointments

Gerhard Boehm, MD, FACS, Christy Harris Lemak, PhD, FACE, and Arlene Morris RN, MSN, EdD. have recently been appointed AHHOF Board Members.

A 2018 AHHOF inductee, **Dr. Gerhard Boehm's** distinguished career spans over 47 years as a general surgeon, including the performance of thousands of breast cancer surgeries. He was instrumental in the development of a multidisciplinary Tumor Conference that led to Mobile Infirmar's national accreditation.

Dr. Christ Lemak is Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Services Administration at the University of Alabama Birmingham. She teaches and conducts research in the areas of healthcare management and leadership development.

Dr. Arlene Morris currently serves as Professor of Nursing, Auburn Montgomery, and has served as President of the Alabama State Nurses Association (2012-2014). She is widely published and received her doctorate from Auburn University.



Dennis Stanard, AHHOF President

Plan Now for 2020 Hall of Fame Nominations

Chances are you know someone deserving induction into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame. The deadline for nominations to the Class of 2020 is in March of 2020. There is now plenty of time to consider outstanding healthcare professionals and prepare the nomination entry. The easy to access AHHOF website (www.healthcarehof.org) provides nomination directions plus biographical sketches of over 150 inductees.

May I offer a special thanks to our supporters including associations, donors, volunteer board members, and many others. This organization belongs to everyone seeking to recognize outstanding healthcare dedication and excellence. Please contact me at dmstanard@icloud.com, or 205-561-7911 with any suggestions or questions. Thank you.

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