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Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame Announces 2022 Honorees

Just over 24 years ago the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame was founded to recognize healthcare professionals who have made outstanding contributions to, or rendered exemplary service for, healthcare in the State of Alabama. Every two years the organization's selection committee chooses nominees for induction.

No other not-for-profit healthcare organization honors such a wide range of healthcare professionals. Past honorees include physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, administrators, researchers, and academic professionals. Since 1997 the organization's spirit and camaraderie have endeared our mission to over 200 honorees and their families.

The 2022 Awards Luncheon will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the Alabama Activity Center in Montgomery. On this special occasion, the Class of 2020, previously delayed because of COVID, will also be inducted. *For more information about the awards luncheon or to make reservations, contact AHHOF President, Dennis Stanard, at dmstanard@icloud.com, or 205-561-7911. AHHOF's website is healthcarehof.org. Images of honorees are attached.*

The Class of 2022 includes the following honorees:

Stanley Wade Griffin, MD (deceased)

From the humble beginnings of a country gentleman doctor, Dr. Wade Griffin arose as a giant among the physicians of his day and was to make history in the world of Emergency Medicine. He studied at the University of Alabama School of Medicine and was a student of distinguished professor Dr. Tinsley Harrison.

Dr. Griffin was one of the first full time emergency medicine practitioners in the country when "The Emergency Room" was staffed only by nurses and on call physicians. He was singularly responsible for the origin and impetus of Emergency Medical Services training and implementation throughout Alabama.

Dr. Griffin was instrumental in designing and authoring Alabama EMS laws including the passage of state law 1590, which required training for EMTs and paramedics. A true example of selfless dedication to medicine, Dr. Griffin was a teacher and pioneer of unsurpassed ability and devotion.

Bryan N. Kindred, FACHE

Bryan N. Kindred has served DCH Health System in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for over 37 years and was named CEO in 1996. As President/CEO he has demonstrated highly effective leadership. DCH is now one of the state's largest healthcare systems with close to 1,000 beds including DCH Regional Medical Center, Northport Medical Center, and Fayette Medical Center.

Some of the services and innovations developed with Mr. Kindred's leadership include the Lewis and Faye Manderson Cancer Center (affiliated with the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center), robotic surgery, palliative care, state of the art ICUs, advanced neonatal care, and advanced cardiac care.

A state health leader, Mr. Kindred has served as past chairman of the Alabama Hospital Association and board member of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. Mr. Kindred is a person of high competence and integrity with the mindset of a servant leader.

Aaron Lopez, MD (deceased)

Dr. Aaron Lopez was born in 1800 in Charleston, South Carolina. He graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in New York City and in the late 1830s moved to Mobile to practice medicine.

When the Medical Association of the State of Alabama was organized in 1847 in Mobile, Dr. Lopez was appointed Chairman and served as President the following year. In 1852 he was present at the founding session of the American Medical Association and elected vice-president.

In the mid 1850s the MASA appointed Dr. Lopez to "Memorialize the Legislature" and provide funds for a state mental hospital. He was appointed by the Governor to head a commission to accomplish this task. The commission later designed Bryce Hospital. Dr. E. Lamar Thomas of Mt. Brook, Alabama, is his great-great grandson.

Karen Meneses, PhD, RN, FAAN (deceased)

Dr. Karen Meneses was an internationally known researcher in cancer survivorship disparities research with a prolific and sustained history of scientific contributions that have improved the lives of cancer survivors.

While Dr. Meneses' scholarly interests were diverse, much of her work was focused on breast cancer survivorship.

Dr. Meneses received numerous honors during her lifetime for her groundbreaking research and leadership including the 2013 Ada Sue Hinshaw Award, one of the highest honors given to a scientist in the field of nursing. She was also bestowed the highest Academic Health Center honor at UAB, being named the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer in 2016.

Dr. Karen Meneses was one of kind: an influential leader; eminent role model; distinguished scholar; and relentless advocate for Alabama breast cancer patients, survivors, and their families.

Arthur F. Toole, MD (deceased)

Dr. Arthur Toole was born in Talladega, Alabama, and graduated from the University of North Carolina and subsequently the Harvard Medical School. For many years Dr. Toole served as chief of surgery and chief of staff for Citizens Hospital in Talladega, and he was attending physician for Southern Railroad employees and the Alabama School for Deaf and Blind.

Dr. Toole was a life member of the Medical Association of Alabama, served on its Board of Censors and elected a life counselor. As a dedicated community leader, he served as chair of the Talladega Public Library and in 1986, the City of Talladega honored Dr. Toole as its Man of the Year.

One of his colleagues stated that medical schools can confer the MD degree, but being a physician is earned by a life lived of dedication and service to one's patients. Dr. Arthur Toole exemplified and honored that title.

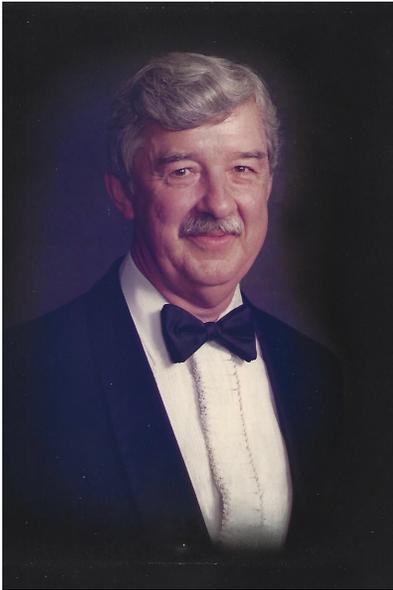
James Orr Walker, Sr. (deceased)

Mr. Jim Walker was a 1957 graduate of Auburn University's Pharmacy School. He served on the Dean's Advisory Council and received a Distinguished Alumnus Award by its alumni association.

Mr. Walker's grandfather and father had a huge impact on the pharmaceutical industry in the State of Alabama. They instilled a love of pharmacy in a young man who carried the principles and ethics learned at an early age.

Jim Walker began his career at Reynolds Pharmacy in Birmingham and later joined his brother to oversee operations of Walker Drug Company. He was the recipient of the Bowl of Hygeia Award, the most prestigious award given in pharmacy, and he was first to receive the Alabama Pharmacy Association President's Special Achievement Award.

Mr. Walker served as president of the Birmingham Better Business Bureau and was a board member of Carraway Methodist Hospital for 15 years.



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