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27 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 has selected 27 medical students from four medical schools in Alabama to receive scholarships. As a condition of these scholarships, the recipients agree to practice as primary care or behavioral health physicians in underserved areas of Alabama after graduation.

"I commend each of these students for being selected for this special scholarship," said Tim Vines, President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. "We are truly grateful for their willingness to serve and provide quality healthcare to those who live in many of the underserved area in our state."

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Edward Via College of Medicine (VCOM, Auburn)

•	Alexandra Korshun	Cleveland, TN
•	Caitlin St Blanc	Franklin, LA
•	Crystal Smith	Gallion, AL
•	Danielle Elmore	Gurley, AL
•	James Wisdom	Newton, AL
•	Jessen Highfield	Centre, AL
•	Rachel Snider	Anniston, AL
•	Rebekah Kurtaneck	Buena Park, CA
•	Wesley Hostetler	Atmore, AL

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB, Birmingham)

•	Alesha Amerson	Phenix City, AL
•	Fabian Berru	Sanford, FL
•	Magdalene Blevins	Harvest, AL
•	Emily Brown	Hamilton, AL
•	Ashlynn Clark	Rainbow City, AL
•	Chelsey Deloney Hadden	Gardendale, AL
•	Jayci Hamrick	Haleyville, AL
•	Mallory Jones	Luverne, AL
•	Bradford Lepik	Jasper, AL
•	Benjamin Nelson	Opp, AL
•	Aubriana Smith	Sheffield, AL
•	Christian Stone	Groveoak, AL
•	McKenzie Donald	Chatom, AL

University of South Alabama (USA, Mobile)

• Emily Denison of Pace, FL.

Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM, Dothan)

Princess Duerte Manila, Phillippines
Tyler Millo Greenville, AL
Jessica McLean Dothan, AL
Grace Thole Medfield, MA

The majority of Alabama's counties do not have enough primary care and behavioral health physicians. To address this statewide need, Blue Cross continues to invest in the future of its Primary Care Physician Network by providing scholarship opportunities to VCOM, UAB, USA and ACOM.

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