

Department of Radiologic Sciences

Trustmark National Bank Radiologic Sciences Scholastic Award. This award honoring Ann Whitfield Fox, is presented to the radiologic sciences student graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.50 grade point average is required for this award.

The Benton Clay Gordon Award. This award is sponsored by the Mississippi Radiological Society and is presented to the graduating Radiologic Sciences student who demonstrated outstanding performance in clinical practice.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Excellence Award. This award, sponsored by the Mississippi Radiological Society, is presented to the graduating student in Magnetic Resonance Imaging who has excelled both academically and clinically.

Mississippi Society of Radiologic Technologists Outstanding Radiologic Sciences Student Award. This award is sponsored by the Mississippi Society of Radiologic Technologists and is presented to the graduating student in Radiologic Sciences who has excelled both academically and clinically.

Nuclear Medicine Technology Excellence Award. This award, sponsored by the Mississippi Radiological Society, is presented to the graduating student in Nuclear Medicine Technology who has excelled both academically and clinically.

Nuclear Medicine Technology Clinical Practice Award. This award, sponsored by the Mississippi Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, is presented to the graduating Nuclear Medicine Technology student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in clinical practice.

Creed of the School of Health Related Professions

I believe in the respect of each individual and to this end will treat all people with dignity, fairness, and civility.

I believe in an individual's right to receive the highest quality professional services available.

I will abide by the ethical principles of my profession.

I believe in the commitment to lifelong learning.

I will be an ambassador of the School, the University, and my profession.

I pledge to uphold these values in words and deeds to my patients, clients, peers, and the community I serve, and will encourage others to do the same.

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Welcome and Introductions

Ralph Didlake, M.D., Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer

Jessica H. Bailey, Ph.D., RHIA, Dean, School of Health Related Professions

Presentation of Awards

Mark R. Gray, Ph.D., R.T. (R), Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Academic Excellence Awards. Certificates are presented to graduating students in graduate programs who have achieved an overall grade point average of 3.75 or better every semester of continuous fulltime enrollment.

Alpha Eta Initiates. The Alpha Eta Society is a national allied health scholastic and leadership honorary which recognizes outstanding achievement by allied health students, faculty, and alumni. Student membership is limited to graduating students who have an overall grade point average of 3.50 or better and is limited to no more than 20 percent of the class.

Alpha Eta Award. These awards are presented by the UMMC Chapter of the Alpha Eta Society to student initiates who excel in scholarship and leadership.

The recipients of these awards will be the UMMC nominees for the national Alpha Eta Society’s Sidney Rodenberg, Exceptional Student Professional Service, and Lee Holder Awards.

Dean's Award. At the discretion of the Dean of the School of Health Related Professions, an award may be presented to graduating students in any discipline whose activities in the areas of academics, scholarship, or school, community, or professional service are exemplary and who bring honor to the School

Dean's List Awards. Certificates are presented to graduating students in undergraduate programs who have been named to the dean's list every semester of continuous enrollment.

Dr. Virginia Stansel Tolbert Award. Sponsored by the Mississippi State Medical Association, this award is given on Commencement day to the graduating student who has the highest academic average.

Leaders in Service Award. This award is presented to the SHRP student who has demonstrated a high level of service and humility in regards to their commitment to community engagement, service, and advocacy.

Lois Boackle Jones Memorial Award. This award was established in 2013 by the family of Lois Boackle Jones. One award is given annually to a graduating SHRP student who has earned a minimum 3.75 grade point average.

Marshal of the Class Award. This award is presented to the Student Marshal of the Class, selected as the graduating student with the highest grade point average in a department on a rotational basis. The Marshal of the Class is responsible for organizing, leading and guiding the graduates at Commencement.

Mississippi Rural Allied Health Professionals Scholarship Program supports enrolled undergraduate and graduate students in academic programs in the School of Health Related Professions who demonstrate the necessary interest, commitment, aptitude, and academic achievement to pursue careers as allied health professionals in rural or medically underserved areas of Mississippi. Students must serve one year of obligated service in a rural area for each year the scholarship award is provided.

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates. Members of this national scholastic honor society are selected on the basis of academic achievement.

Student Research Awards. The Student Research Awards, sponsored by the School of Health Related Professions, acknowledge students for their outstanding achievements in research.

SHRP Outstanding Student Research Award. This award, sponsored by the Mississippi Academy of Sciences, is presented to the SHRP student and/or students judged by the Research Affairs Committee to be outstanding in conducting research as demonstrated by receiving the highest score in the SHRP Research Day poster presentation competition.

School of Health Related Professions Scholarship Recipients. Recognition of SHRP students who are the 2018-2019 recipients of the Ottie Schillig Memorial Scholarship, the James T. Baird Memorial Scholarship, the Dean’s Scholarship, the Irene H. Snipes Scholarship, and the Pearl and Otis Walters Scholarship.

School of Health Related Professions Teacher of the Year Award. The School of Health Related Professions Teacher of the Year Award consist of a plaque sponsored by the School of Health Related Professions Alumni Chapter and is awarded annually to the faculty member who is judged to be the outstanding teacher of the year.

UMMC 50th Anniversary Scholarship. This award was established in 2005 and derived fom the UMMC ‘promises kept” campaign. This scholarship is centered around academics, character, and performance. It rotates annually amongst the schools.

Department of Health Administration

Doctor of Health Administration Outstanding Student Award. This award is presented to the DHA graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in academic performance, scholarly work, and service to the community at large.

Department of Health Informatics and Information Management

Excellence in Data Analytics Award. This award is presented to the health informatics and information management student deemed by the faculty to display exceptional skills in analyzing, representing, or visualizing data.

Outstanding Health Informatics and Information Management Student Award. This award is presented to the student who is judged by the faculty to be the outstanding student as demonstrated by academic performance, departmental and school activities, professional service, and community involvement.

Rebecca J. Yates Professionalism Award. This award is presented to the student who displays exceptional poise, confidence, knowledge, and skill.

Department of Health Sciences

The Jack R. Gordy Outstanding Graduate Student Capstone Award. This award is presented to the graduating student in the master of health sciences program who demonstrates academic excellence, as deemed by departmental faculty.

The Jack R. Gordy Outstanding Undergraduate Student Capstone Award. This award is presented to the graduating student in the bachelor of health sciences program who demonstrates academic excellence, as deemed by departmental faculty.

Department of Medical Laboratory Science

Mississippi Blood Services Medical Laboratory Science Outstanding Clinical Achievement Award. This award, sponsored by Mississippi Blood Services, is presented to the graduating medical laboratory science student who demonstrates outstanding clinical achievement in the senior year.

Outstanding Immunohematology Award. This award is presented to the graduating medical laboratory science student with the highest academic average in immunohematology.

Regions Bank Medical Laboratory Science Scholastic Award This award is presented to the graduating student who is graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for this award.

Regions Bank Histotechnology Scholastic Award. This award is presented to the graduating student who is graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for this award.

The Scottie Mooney Outstanding Medical Laboratory Science Student Award. An award is presented to the graduating student who is judged by the faculty to be the outstanding student as demonstrated by academic performance, departmental and school activities, professional service, and community involvement.

University Pathology Associates Award. This award, sponsored by the University Pathology Associates, is presented to the graduating medical laboratory science student who demonstrates the highest standards in professionalism, interpersonal and communication skills in laboratory knowledge.

Department of Occupational Therapy

D.J. Banford Award. This award is given to an academically eligible student in occupational therapy to support the student’s extraordinary efforts of being a parent of minor children to provide a better life for their family.

The Bette Groat Occupational Therapy Award. This award given each year to the graduating occupational therapy student who has maintained a high level of performance clinically and academically and representing the occupational therapy profession in an exemplary manner to peers and to the public.

John Carey Bolen Occupational Therapy Memorial Award. This is an award presented to the graduating occupational therapy student or students that, as deemed by the faculty, exemplifies the spirit of occupational therapy through courage and determination to persevere and overcome adversity to accomplish professional goals while maintaining interest and enthusiasm for the profession.

Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association Outstanding Leadership Award. This award is presented by the Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association to a graduating student judged by the faculty to consistently demonstrate exceptional leadership skills in the classroom, on the school campus and in the community.

Timothy Moore Student Award. This award is given to the graduating occupational therapy student who is deemed by their peers to be a living example of therapeutic use of self in putting others’ needs before their own. This person exhibits humility, a consistently positive attitude, and a true love of their chosen profession.

Community Outreach Occupational Therapy Student Award. This award, is presented to the graduating occupational therapy student who demonstrates community awareness and promotion of occupational therapy through volunteer work or clinical involvement.

Occupational Therapy Award of Clinical Excellence. This award is presented to the graduating occupational therapy student who demonstrates outstanding performance, judgment, and attitude in clinical performance.

Occupational Therapy Outstanding Student Award. An award is presented to the graduating student who is judged by the faculty to be the outstanding student as demonstrated by academic performance, departmental and school activities, professional service, and community involvement.

Trustmark National Bank Occupational Therapy Scholastic Award. This award is presented to the graduating student who is graduating with the highest academic average.

A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for this award.

Pi Theta Epsilon Gamma Lambda Chapter. Pi Theta Epsilon (PTE) is a specialized honor society for occupational therapy students and alumni. The mission of Pi Theta Epsilon is to promote scholarship and research among occupational therapy students and to provide students a vehicle to network in collaboration of scholarly activities.

Department of Physical Therapy

Celia Robson Sports and Orthopedics Physical Therapy Award. This award honoring Celia Robson is presented to the graduating physical therapy student demonstrating exemplary attitude and interest in sports physical therapy.

Physical Therapy Award of Excellence. This award, initiated by the physical therapy class of 1983, is presented to a graduating physical therapy student in recognition of overall contribution to physical therapy and the potential for future professional achievement.

Physical Therapy Clinical Education Award. This award, initiated by the physical therapy class of 1991, is presented to a graduating physical therapy student or students who are judged by essay to have a keen insight into the goals and benefits of clinical education and who reflect a commitment to lifelong learning.

Juanita Woods Distinguished Service Award. This award, sponsored by the Mississippi Physical Therapy Association in honor of Juanita Woods, is presented to the graduating physical therapy student who has demonstrated involvement in community and school activities, and leadership in the physical therapy profession

The Neva F. Greenwald Physical Therapy Award. This award given each year to the graduating physical therapy student who has maintained a high level of performance clinically and academically and represents the physical therapy profession in an exemplary manner to peers and to the public.

Community Outreach Physical Therapy Student Award. This award is presented to the graduating physical therapy student who demonstrates community awareness and promotion of physical therapy through volunteer work or clinical involvement.

Outstanding Physical Therapy Student Award. An award is presented to the graduating student who is judged by the faculty to be the outstanding student as demonstrated by academic performance, departmental and school activities, professional service, and community involvement.

Trustmark National Bank Physical Therapy Scholastic Award. This award is presented to the graduating student who is graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for this award.

The Robert B. Weaver Physical Therapy Award. This award is presented to a graduating physical therapy student for friendliness, helpfulness, genuine concern, cooperation, effective communications, and interpersonal skills.

Award Recipients

Academic Excellence Awards

Jason Brent Barfield, Jr.	Taylor Amanda Irby	Rebekah Watson Adams
Christopher Alexander Dean	Nancy Danielle Lewis	Morgan Elaine Appel
Taylor Nichole Eldridge	Chandler Alexis Coggins	Rebeca Torres Dendy
John Edward Green	Georgiana Elise Giroux	Andrew Russell Graham
Chelseyanna Haylee Hall	Jordan Bailey Harvey	Deven Matthew Hicks
Rachel Gaines Hilliard	Mary Grace Langford	Halle Akia Lloyd
Layna Cecil Lovelady	Morgan James Nutt	Shelby Moore Ray
Nina Tuyetnhi Nguyen	Aubrey Ryan Smith	Jessica Kay Smith
Mary Morgan Prince Surrett	Marlee Erin Taylor	Caroline Janne Thomas
Alaina Marie Ulmer	Holley Elizabeth Whitehead	

Dean's List

Amira Esmaeil	Aiesha Norwood	Aleisha Beavers
Aurlivia Bibbs	Katherine Black	Madison Burford
William Chunn	Davesha Doty	Melissa Downs
Kelsie Luke	Kristen Martin	Samantha Mirandy
LaKeitha Ngwiri	Janu Patel	Hannah Ross
Stephanie Smith	Amy Valenciano	Shelby Wilkerson
Karson Moody Sparks	William Dalton Harris	

Alpha Eta

Whitney W. Bondurant	Steven Michael Jenkins	Christopher Carlton Ashely
Sonika Sonny Bang	Casey Hunt Evans	Amanda L. Scott
Aiesha Norwood	Amira Esmaeil	Rebecca Torres Dendy
Rachel Anne Gaines Hilliard	Georgiana Elise Giroux	Mary Grace Langford
Layna Cecil Lovelady	Shelby Moore Ray	Mary Morgan Prince
Rebekah Watson Adams	Katie Elizabeth Boyles	Marty Jacob Brock
Taylor Morgan Brown	Justin Laster	Brianna McFarland
Meghan Pritchard	Devan C. Richardson	Elizabeth Marie Rustom
Joshua Tyler Stewart	Davesha Doty	Samantha Mirandy
Hannah Wyvonne Ross	Stephanie Brooke Smith	Amy Gabriela Valenciano

Phi Kappa Phi

Aurlivia Deshay Bibbs	Katie Boyles	Marty Jacob Brock
Rebeca Torres Dendy	Amira Esmaeil	Deven Hicks
Megan Ladner	Justin Laster	Kristen Martin
Nina Nguyen	Mary Morgan Prince	Devan C. Richardson
Shelby Lauren Wilkerson		

Pi Theta Epsilon

Morgan James Nutt	Jessica Kay Smith	Mary Grace Langford
Deven Matthew Hicks	Rebeca Torres Dendy	Nina Nguyen
Mary Morgan Price Surrett	Alaina Ulmer	Shelby Moore Ray
Georgiana Elise Giroux	Aubrey Ryan Smith	Layna Cecil Lovelady
Holley Elizabeth Whitehead		

Mississippi Rural Allied Health Professionals Scholarship Recipients

Kealy Sand	Physical Therapy
Alex Wilcher	Radiologic Sciences
Stephanie Smith	Radiologic Sciences
Mallory Vance	Occupational Therapy
Michelle Finn	Occupational Therapy

School of Health Related Professions Scholarship Recipients

Ottie Schillig Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth Marie Rustom
Ottie Schillig Memorial Scholarship	Leandra Kerri Griffith
Irene H. Snipes Scholarship	Benjamin Scott Killen
Pearl and Otis Walters Scholarship	Steven Cialone
James T. Baird Scholarship	Kendria Dionne Lyles
James T. Baird Scholarship	Robin Lynn Parish
James T. Baird Scholarship	Megan Poirrier Ladner
James T. Baird Scholarship	Whitney W. Bondurant
SHRP Dean's Scholarship	Mekayla Nichole Rainey

UMMC 50th Anniversary Scholarships

Kelsie Luke	Hannah Ross	Rachel Anne Gaines Hilliard
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2019 Dean's Award

Mary Morgan Prince Surrett

2019 Leaders in Service Award

Alaina Marie Ulmer

2019 Student Marshal of the Class

Aiesha Sierra Norwood

2019 School of Health Related Professions Teacher of the Year

Jana Bagwell, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}MB
Assistant Professor
Medical Laboratory Science Program

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Amy Gabriela Valenciano Whitney W. Bondurant Rachel Anne Gaines Hilliard

Banford Award

Katheryn Cassady Tamara Latisha Crutcher

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