

Past Alabama Chapter Laureates

1988 Tom Sheehy, MD, FACP
1989 Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, FACP
1990 Henry M. Gewin, MD, FACP
1990 Stanley S. Kahn, MD, FACP
1991 Jack J. Kirschenfeld, MD, FACP
1991 John M. Packard, MD, FACP
1992 John F. Burnum, MD, FACP
1992 S. Richardson Hill, Jr., MD, FACP
1993 Samuel Eichold, II, MD, FACP
1993 William W. Winternitz, MD, FACP
1994 H. Hamilton Hutchinson, MD, FACP
1994 James A. Pittman, Jr., MD, MACP
1995 Dick D. Briggs, Jr., MD, FACP
1995 Irving A. Koffler, MD, FACP
1996 Alan M. Siegal, MD, FACP
1996 Robert H. Lokey, MD, FACP
1997 J. Claude Bennet, MD, MACP
1997 John McDuffie McGehee, MD, FACP
1998 Wilmer J. Coggins, MD, FACP
1998 Richard H. Esham, MD, FACP
1999 Charles G. Cobbs, MD, FACP
1999 Richard O. Russell, Jr., MD, FACP
2000 John B. Bass, Jr., MD, MACP
2000 Peter W. Morris, MD, FACP
2001 Max Michael III, MD, FACP
2001 Keehn W. Berry Jr, MD, FACP
2002 William A. Curry, MD, FACP
2002 Arthur L. Ennis, MD, FACP
2003 William E. Dismukes, MD, MACP
2003 Pink L. Folmar, MD, FACP
2004 Paul W. Burleson, MD, FACP
2004 Edwin A. Rutsky, MD, FACP
2005 Ben V. Branscomb, MD, FACP
2005 John M. McMahon, MD, FACP
2006 Roy F. Roddam, MD, FACP
2006 Frank D. Sutton, Jr., MD, FACP
2007 James R Bonner, MD FACP
2007 Stephen Alvin Davis, MD, FACP
2007 Richard W Carlson, MD PhD FACP
2008 Dennis G Delgado, MD FACP
2008 Billy Willard Boyd, MD FACP
2009 Wickliffe J Many, Jr MD FACP
2009 Robert M Centor, MD FACP

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Maryella Desak Sirmon, MD, FACP

Laureate Award
May 2010

"No person was ever honoured for what he received. Honour has been the reward for what he gave."

-Calvin Coolidge

Maryella Desak Sirmon, MD, FACP



The Laureate Award is presented to an individual who has displayed devotion and service to the American College of Physicians, on a local, state and national basis. The list of previous recipients of this award is a Who's Who of Alabama Internal Medicine from the middle of the 20th Century to the present. It is quite fitting that Dr.

Sirmon be added to this group.

Dr. Sirmon is currently serving as Governor, Alabama ACP (the first female to occupy this office). Her undergraduate education was obtained at Wallace Junior College in Dothan, Alabama and University of South Alabama in Mobile. She matriculated at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine as a member of its third class. Maryella obtained her Doctorate of Medicine in 1978. Her postgraduate training was at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where she served as Chief Resident and Instructor of Medicine, 1981-82. This was followed by a Fellowship in the Division of Nephrology at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina.

She then joined the faculty at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in 1985 and rose to the level of Associate Professor of Medicine. During this time Maryella developed a deep interest in Biomedical Ethics, receiving substantial training in this area.

For the past ten years, Maryella has been a partner and compliance officer of Nephrology Associates of Mobile (first female partner). She continues as a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of South Alabama. She has served on many boards and committees at the local, state and national level and has been a reviewer for several national medical journals.

On a local level Maryella is a member of the Rotary Club of Mobile (first female president), Mobile Council Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, Medical Society of Mobile County, St Paul's Episcopal Church (the first female chalice bearer), and the Alumni Association of the South Alabama College of Medicine.

She has received many awards, including: An Alabama State Merit Scholarship, Alpha Omega Alpha, Best Teaching Attending USA College of Medicine in 1998.

Maryella is married to Wayne E. Sirmon, who has been of great support in her job as Governor. They have two grown sons, William and John. When the boys were young, she spent much of her spare time participating in their activities. Subsequently she enjoys cooking, music, live theater, reading and writing (having published short stories and poetry). She also enjoys leisure time, traveling, and relaxing with her husband.