



## APRIL UPDATE

This past month has been one of unprecedented changes in our personal lives and our entire healthcare system. Certainly, the COVID-19 pandemic has been the overwhelming dominator each day. The ACP website has a frequently updated [COVID-19 resource page](#). We encourage all Chapter Members to visit the website often and use the resources that are provided.

The MS ACP Chapter Members have not let COVID-19 hamper their achievements or involvement in the Mississippi community. John Caleb Grenn and Ashley Villarreal attended the *“Transitional Care for Young Adults with Chronic Conditions”* Conference held at Harvard Medical School in early March. Savannah Duckworth was accepted into the Society of General Internal Medicine’s *Teaching Educators Across the Continuum of Healthcare (TEACH) Program*. Dr. Duckworth was also given the *Nelson C. Order of Teaching Excellence Award* by the UMMC Department of Medicine. The UMMC Office of Medical Education named Kenneth Bennett and Rahat Noor *Trailblazer Teaching Award* winners.

The Mississippi Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society recognized its annual award winners this month, many of whom are MS ACP members! John Caleb Grenn and Lucas Buchanan were both given the Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award. Zeb Henson was recognized at the AOA Faculty Teacher of the Year and Richard Wardrop was named this year’s AOA Distinguished Professor. Congratulation to all of our Chapter Members!

Match Day was March 20<sup>th</sup> and though the day was a virtual celebration, it was no less exciting for all of our student members who have worked so hard! Congratulations to all of 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students, who went through the Match this year. The Chapter wishes you all of the very best as you begin your residency programs this summer.

After much consideration and discussion, the Alabama and Mississippi Chapter Councils agreed, unanimously, to cancel the annual meeting scheduled June 5-7 in Birmingham. The Program Chairs for both Chapters are working together to address the abstracts that were submitted and investigating the possibility of holding a virtual poster competition later this year. As those decisions are made, that information will be disseminated to the Chapter via email and social media posts.

On March 31, Richard Wardrop delivered a virtual Grand Rounds from UMMC. The presentation, "Well-being in Times of Difficulty", addressed the needs all of us have during this very stressful time. The slides have been shared through ACP member email and can be found here, [Wellbeing in difficult times MGR Wardrop ACP Share](#).

Be sure to follow the Chapter on social media to see what the Chapter members are doing and for important dates, messages and reminders. The Chapter is on Facebook (@msacp), Twitter (@ms\_acp) and Instagram (@acp\_ms). Please email any news you would like to share with the Chapter and/or the membership to [Mississippi.acp@gmail.com](mailto:Mississippi.acp@gmail.com).