Past Laureate Awards Recipients

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 Bennett, 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
Laureate Award

The Laureate Award honors those Fellows or Masters of the College who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research, and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians.

The recipients of this award shall bear the title, Laureate of the Alabama Chapter.

The awardees are nominated by a process that may originate from the Awards Committee or from any member of the Chapter. The nomination must document the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee.

The awardees shall be senior physicians with acknowledged excellence and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, the awardees should have served the Chapter with distinction.

It is with distinct pleasure that this year the Alabama Chapter presents the Laureate award to Stephen Alvin Davis, MD, FACP and James R. Bonner, MD, FACP. They are long-standing and loyal supporters of the College, have rendered distinguished service to the chapter, and have upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

We salute and honor them on this occasion and we wish them and their families well in the future.

Maryella D. Sirmon, MD, FACP
Governor, Alabama Chapter

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

- Calvin Coolidge
James R. Bonner, MD, FACP

Jim Bonner is a native of the upper peninsula of Michigan. He was educated at Michigan Technical University and then received his BS degree in Biophysics from the University of Michigan, where he was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society. He matriculated at the University of Michigan Medical School, receiving his MD degree in 1971.

Dr. Bonner moved south for his house staff training in General Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama Hospitals and Clinics, Birmingham, from 1971-1974. This was followed by fellowship training in Infectious Disease (1974-1976) and Allergy and Clinical Immunology (1975-1977). He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Allergy/Immunology.

Following his training as a house officer and fellow, Dr. Bonner has spent the rest of his career as a member of the faculty of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, rising from Instructor to Professor of Medicine and Surgery. His career has included research, teaching and clinical activities. He has published numerous manuscripts and book chapters. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to UAB, Dr. Bonner has received many awards and honors attesting to his role as physician and educator.

Dr. Bonner is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and has served on the Council of the Alabama Chapter since 1991, and as Governor of the Alabama Chapter from 2003-2007.

Dr. Bonner is married to a pediatrician and they have two grown children. Jim enjoys reading, outdoor activities (kayaking, skiing, squash), studying French and Asian art, and church involvement.

In recognition of his outstanding career as a clinician and teacher as well as his service, the Alabama Chapter is pleased to honor Dr. James R. Bonner with the Laureate Award.
Stephen Alvin Davis, MD, FACP

Steve Davis is a native of south Georgia. His father was a high school football coach for 40 years. Steve was the fourth of five boys, all but one of whom played football for the University of Alabama and the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant. Steve and all of his siblings became doctors, four physicians and one dentist.

Dr. Davis graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS degree in 1968. His undergraduate accomplishments, in addition to football, include ODK, Phi Beta Kappa, and Outstanding Scholar, School of Arts and Sciences. He completed Medical school at the UAB School of Medicine and was elected to AOA.

Following military service from 1972-75, Dr. Davis joined the medical house staff at the University of South Alabama, Mobile from 1975-78. After completion of his training he went into private practice of Internal Medicine in Mobile with an emphasis on Endocrinology. In addition to a busy practice, Dr. Davis has served in many important roles in the medical community of Mobile. He was Medical Director of the Albert P. Brewer Development Center, Associate Director of the Diabetes Center of Providence Hospital, and President of the Hospital Medical Staff at Providence Hospital. He has participated in medical education as a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of South Alabama.

Dr. Davis was President of the Alabama Chapter of the American Society of Internal Medicine and strong supporter of the Alabama Chapter of the ACP, serving on the Council for a number of years, participating in the ACP Literature and Medicine Retreat yearly, and as candidate for Governor of the Alabama Chapter in 2006.

Dr. Davis is married with two sons and three grandchildren. His wife has taught high school and college and is currently the girls' golf coach at St. Paul's School.

In recognition of his outstanding reputation as an Internist, his service to the medical community of Mobile, and the Alabama Chapter of the ACP, we are proud to honor him with the Laureate Award.