



Members of the first class of UA Rural Medical Scholars, who entered the program in the fall of 1996, graduated from medical school in May 2001.

Seated l-r: Drake Lavender, MD, Greene County; Stephanie Morgan, MD, Cherokee County; Angela Clifton, MD, Etowah County; Paul Tabereaux, MD, Colbert County.

Standing: Elizabeth Smith, MD, Monroe County; Kevin Ellis, MD, Marshall County; Anne Davis, MD, Talladega County; William A. Curry, MD, Dean of the College of Community Health Sciences; Tom Holt, MD, Coffee County; John Wheat, MD, founder and director of the Rural Medical Scholars Program; and John Brandon, MD, Medical Director, Rural Medical Scholars Program.

They were recognized at Honors Convocation, an annual event at the UA College of Community Health Sciences (CCHS) to celebrate the accomplishments of graduates who finished their third and fourth year clinical training at CCHS, which is the Tuscaloosa branch campus of the University of Alabama School of Medicine.

Rural Medical Scholars earned top departmental awards in Family Medicine (Morgan), Pediatrics (Ellis and Smith), psychiatry (Smith and Tabereaux), Community and Rural Medicine (Clifton and Tabereaux) and medical student research (Morgan and Tabereaux). Dr. Tabereaux also won the top honors selected by CCHS faculty (Dean William R. Willard Award) and by the Tuscaloosa medical student senior class (James H. Akers Memorial Award).