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The D.G. Gill Award: Tim Hatch, MPA, REHS

The D.G. Gill Award honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to public health in Alabama. This year, the honor goes to Tim Hatch, Director of Logistics and Environmental Programs for the Center for Emergency Preparedness at the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Tim is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist and is recognized internationally as an expert in disaster and emergency management. He has shared his expertise abroad in places such as Bali, Australia, New Zealand, and Portugal, in addition to having long-term input into the disaster programs for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state of Alabama. During his career he has worked with a variety of organizations including the Alabama Environmental Health Association, the National Environmental Health Association and the International Federation of Environmental Health.

Supporters praised Tim as an exemplary ambassador of his profession and of the Alabama Department of Public Health. Called “selfless,” “tireless,” and “the epitome of what an emergency preparedness worker should be”, it’s clear that Tim Hatch has made an indelible impression upon his colleagues and the field of environmental health.

The Guy M. Tate Award: Carrie Allison

The Guy M. Tate Award is presented annually to a public health employee, group, or agency with 10 years or less in public health for outstanding current or recent service or contribution to public health. This year’s recipient is Carrie Allison, Alabama Department of Public Health Accreditation Coordinator, Bureau of Prevention, Promotion, and Support.

Carrie’s supporters repeatedly praised her conscientious approach to her work, particularly her efforts of the last three years in leading ADPH to achieve full accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board, which it received in June of 2017. In leading ADPH to this accomplishment, Carrie worked diligently to organize teams, create processes, and guide staff members, ensuring that deadlines were met while keeping the overall goals of improving programs and services for Alabama citizens at the forefront. Furthermore, her supporters say she did so with an infectiously enthusiastic and unselfish attitude, with one supporter commenting, “She might not be very vocal, but she is powerful in her own way.”

The Virginia Kendrick Award: Kratina Cunningham

The Virginia Kendrick Award recognizes individuals who have provided notable service to the people of Alabama while serving in a supporting role in the field of public health. This year’s recipient is Kratina Cunningham, a Disease Intervention Specialist with the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Kratina’s dedication to the challenges of working with clients dealing with sexually transmitted diseases is evident in the praise of her supporters, all of whom commented on her ability to handle a tremendous workload with high levels of compassion and excellence. Supporters said Kratina has established great rapport with co-workers and clients alike, making a difficult job run as smoothly and efficiently as possible. Her communication skills were singled out time and time again. “She is kind and compassionate, but also stern if needed,” wrote one supporter. “We are fortunate to have such a dedicated person working with us to ensure that our clients are cared for in a timely manner.”
The Frederick S. Wolf Award: Deborah Grim

The Frederick S. Wolf Award recognizes an individual who has been active in public health at the local level and who has demonstrated efficiency, dedication, and professionalism in the delivery of public health services, and who has provided unselfish community services in areas unrelated to public health. This year’s award winner is Deborah Grim, ASA II with the Coffee County Health Department.

Deborah has been with the Coffee County Health Department since 1989, where she has been a positive force of good service and good will for clients and co-workers alike. In recommending her for this award, one supporter wrote, “Deborah Grim is the essence of professionalism.” Supporters credited Deborah’s compassionate, cheerful, and understanding outlook, combined with an efficient, resourceful and diligent approach to her work, as making a real difference in the Coffee County community.

Deborah’s contributions to the county do not stop with her job at the health department. In her spare time she is a frequent and welcome presence at the local animal shelter, where she offers her trademark generosity to animals of all kinds. She is known around Coffee County as one who is always willing to help those who need it, making her an invaluable and beloved member of the community.

The Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health: Bob Hinds

The Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health was established to recognize an individual, group, or organization who, through excellence in work, has made a significant impact on some aspect of public health in Alabama. This year’s recipient is Bob Hinds, director of the Alabama Behavioral Health Division of the Alabama Department of Public Health’s Bureau of Prevention, Promotion, and Support.

Bob followed a distinguished career with the United States Air Force by joining ADPH in 1999. Throughout his tenure, he has made the most of numerous opportunities to positively impact the health and safety of Alabama citizens, from his time as the assistant director of the Alabama Child Death Review System, to his time as director of the Alabama Newborn Screening Division, to his current duties as director of the Alabama Behavioral Health Division, where he works with the Tobacco Control and Prevention Branch and the Injury Prevention Branch, among others. Bob has never shied away from taking on additional responsibilities within ADPH, and has made time to lend a hand to areas such as the Accreditation program and the Incident Command System throughout his career.

As impactful as Bob’s work has been for the citizens of Alabama, he’s had an equally powerful effect on those who have worked with him at ADPH. When comparing Bob’s achievements to the requirements for this award, one supporter referred to him as the “gold standard.” Another supporter praised Bob as the kind of supervisor who “nurtures, supports, and inspires his staff,” going on to write that his is “the kind of legacy to which any leader would do well to aspire.”

Anne M. Smith Public Health Nurse of the Year Award: Lynn Jacobs

The recipient of the Anne M. Smith Public Health Nurse of the Year Award must exemplify the mission of public health nursing in Alabama, which is “to assure conditions in which individuals, families, and communities can be healthy utilizing the unique expertise of public health nurses to assess, plan and implement, and prevent disease.” This year’s recipient is Lynn Jacobs, clinic nursing supervisor at the Randolph County Health Department.

Lynn approaches her work each day with an attitude of faithfulness and compassion. Supporters say she finds her “greatest joy” in taking care of others, and that she does so with an enthusiastic attitude and a problem-solving approach geared toward providing the highest quality of patient care. Lynn is regarded as an active, engaged listener who shows her staff the same kindness and respect afforded to her clients---attributes that have earned her the highest respect of her staff and the community as a whole. One supporter described her as “one of the most self-sacrificing people I know.”
AIPHA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES, CLASS OF 2018

The Alabama Public Health Association Hall of Fame was created in 2008 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement and advancement of AIPHA. The inductees this year are as follows:

**STACEY B. ADAMS**

Stacey has served in several leadership roles during her membership in AIPHA, including a stint as President in 2010, when she led the organization with candor, patience, and a “can do” attitude. Stacey has excelled in a variety of positions in her 21-year career with the Alabama Department of Public Health, including her current role as administrator of ADPH’s West Central District. She recently served as the administrator for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded Strategic Alliance for Health, in which she devoted her expertise and management skills to coordinating with the CDC to ensure the goals of the program were not only met, but exceeded. Stacey has a true heart for serving others through her commitment to not only those we serve in the public, but also those who work with her daily seeking to improve the quality of life in Alabama. Stacey’s exceptional contributions to public health in Alabama were previously recognized when she was presented AIPHA’s D.G. Gill Award in 2013.

**TIM HATCH**

In over 10 years of AIPHA membership, Tim has served in several capacities, including vice president, president, and past president. He’s been involved in every aspect of planning and executing AIPHA’s annual conference, from scanning hundreds of scholarship applications to transporting supplies to conference sites. He does all of this, and more, in addition to his busy schedule as director of Logistics and Environmental Programs for the Center for Emergency Preparedness at the Alabama Department of Public Health, not to mention the multiple disaster and emergency preparedness trainings he conducts globally each year. In addition to his induction into the AIPHA Hall of Fame, he is being honored as this year’s recipient of the D.G. Gill Award.