Awards Luncheon

**AIPHA Awards**

- **Guy M. Tate Award**
  - Melanie Dickens

- **Virginia Kendrick Award**
  - To Be Announced

- **Frederick S. Wolf Award**
  - To Be Announced

- **Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health**
  - Dr. Melissa Lumpkin

- **Anne M. Smith Public Health Nurse of the Year Award**
  - Judy Smith

Awards Committee: Jennifer Allen, Chair
Committee Members: Carol Cannon, Carolyn Bern, Deborah Leigh Dixon, Sonya Tinsley

**AIPHA Hall of Fame, Class of 2019 Inductee**

- Jackie Holliday

Hall of Fame Committee: Jackie Holliday, Chair
Committee Members: Richard Burleson, Stacey Adams, Shelia Puckett and Jennifer Allen

**Scholarship Presentations**

- Kimberly Gordon

Scholarship Committee: Kimberly Gordon, Chair
Committee Members: Richard Burleson, Melanie Dickens, Sonya Tinsley, Kennita Marshall, Deborah Leigh Dixon, Kelly Fuller

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The Guy M. Tate Award:  
Daphne Baum

The Guy M. Tate Award is presented annually to a public health employee with 10 years or less in public health for outstanding current or recent service or contribution to public health. This year’s recipient is Daphne Baum, Public Health Social Worker II in the Alabama Department of Public Health’s Southeastern District (Baldwin County).

Those nominating and supporting Daphne for this award repeatedly cited her warm personality and caring approach to her work. They wrote that Daphne goes above and beyond the scope of her duties to make sure clients get the help and attention they need. One supporter wrote, “Daphne has the biggest heart and cares about everyone she comes in contact with.” Another supporter wrote, “Miss Baum treats everyone with great respect and truly makes a difference in people’s lives.”

The Virginia Kendrick Award:  
Genevieve Moore

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 Genevieve Moore, Administrative Assistant III with the Alabama Department of Public Health Bureau of Information Technology, Logistics Division.

In addition to excelling at her day-to-day duties, Genevieve has demonstrated a willingness to lend a helping hand in other areas when needed. Genevieve has provided invaluable assistance in completing state audits; in logistics and administrative support for ADPH’s Forms Unit and Mailing Center; and in educating and raising awareness at the community level for the Office of Women’s Health. “She is a real asset,” one support wrote. “She deserves this.”
The Frederick S. Wolf Award:  
Karen Crawford

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 winner is Karen Crawford, an ARA III in the Alabama Department of Public Health’s West Central District.

“Karen Crawford has simply been the MVP in environmental health in Tuscaloosa for decades,” wrote one supporter. She has been instrumental in numerous environmental initiatives in Tuscaloosa County, including a complex changeover from a paper system to an electronic system, and efforts to provide low income senior citizens with yearly garbage exemptions. Outside of the office, Karen is involved in several local charities and ministries. She works with local women’s shelters and homeless shelters, and supports several projects benefiting underserved populations abroad. One supporter said of Crawford, “I have never met or known a more deserving person for this honor.”

The Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health:  
Mim Gaines, MACT, RDN, LD, FAND

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 Mim Gaines.

Mim is the former director of the Alabama Department of Public Health Nutrition and Physical Activity Division. She is the current Dietetic Internship Director at the Samford University School of Public Health, where she also serves as an associate professor. Mim’s supporters praised a body of work that includes mentoring and educating dietitians, working with and leading numerous health advocacy groups, and pioneering initiatives such as Scale Back Alabama and the Alabama Obesity Task Force, which continue to positively impact the health of countless Alabamians today. One supporter wrote that Mim is “more than deserving” of the Ira L. Myers Award, and that, “When difficult decisions arise, I often stop to ask myself, ‘What would Mim do?’”
Anne M. Smith Public Health Nurse of the Year Award:
Susan Stiegler, BSN, MPH

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 Susan Stiegler, Assistant Health Officer at the Mobile County Health Department.

Throughout Susan’s 37-year career in public health, she has excelled in a variety of roles. Beginning as a Health Educator in Mobile County, she has gone on to lead numerous departments, including immunization and primary care. Susan has worked to ensure that Mobile County’s high needs areas are served by clinic sites, and has served on numerous boards that have proven influential in public health matters. One supporter wrote of Susan, “She has not only demonstrated the leadership role for which nurses can and should aspire, but she has also paved the way for other nurses to be considered capable and essential for higher levels of executive management in a multitude of medical practice arenas.”

AlPHA Hall of Fame Inductee, Class of 2019:
Sonya Tinsley

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 AlPHA.

Sonya has been an integral part of AlPHA’s activities for a number of years. With her bright mind and energetic personality, she has supported the organization by tackling tasks big and small – from securing vendors for the annual conference to serving as Treasurer for a number of years.

Sonya’s work ethic and dedication to AlPHA are carryovers from her work as a Tobacco Coordinator for the Alabama Department of Public Health’s Northern District. She pursues that role, and all tasks she takes on, with diligence and passion. Her drive led her to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree while juggling a full-time job and the full-time care of her daughter, and she continues to be a driven, compassionate advocate for public health today.

This year, AlPHA is proud to recognize Sonya’s tireless commitment and important contributions by welcoming her into the AlPHA Hall of Fame.