ALPHA ANNOUNCES 64TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: “THE THEN AND NOW OF PUBLIC HEALTH”

The Alabama Public Health Association (AlPHA) will return to the Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill in Prattville for its 2020 Annual Educational Conference. The theme of this, the organization’s 64th annual conference, is “The Then and Now of Public Health.”

The conference is scheduled for April 7-10, 2020. Registration will open in January 2020 at alphassoc.org/conference. A total of 14 CEUs will be offered this year. In addition, the always-popular Silent Auction will be back!

More information, including our lineup of speakers and a full conference agenda, will be available soon at alphassoc.org/conference.

ALPHA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 ALPHA AWARDS

AlPHA’s annual awards ceremony honoring individuals for their outstanding service in public health will be held during the 2020 Annual Educational Conference. We will begin accepting nominations for the following awards in early 2020:

The D.G. Gill Award, given to honor an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to public health in Alabama.

The Guy M. Tate Award, given to recognize a public health employee, division, or agency with 10 years or less in public health for outstanding current or recent service or contribution to public health.

The Virginia Kendrick Award, given to recognize an individual who has provided notable service to the people of Alabama while serving in a supportive position in the field of public health.

The Frederick S. Wolf Award, given to recognize an individual who has been active in public health at the local level for more than 10 years. The employee must have demonstrated efficiency, dedication, and professionalism in delivery of public health services, and have provided unselfish community services in areas unrelated to public health.

The Anne M. Smith Excellence in Public Health Nursing Award, given to a nurse who exemplifies 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 programs.
NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ALPHA HALL OF FAME

Please consider nominating a deserving individual for the AlPHA Hall of Fame. The HOF recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of AlPHA. To be considered, the nominee must have been a member of AlPHA for at least 10 years and must have made, or is making, a significant contribution to AlPHA through membership growth, advancement of AlPHA and public health, and improvement of the organization. The nominee may be living or deceased.

All nominations should be addressed to the AlPHA Hall of Fame Committee, c/o Shelia Puckett, 57 Michael Lane, Wetumpka, AL 36092. Nominations will be accepted through March 1, 2020. Visit alphassoc.org/about-alpha/awards/hall-of-fame for more information.

SCALE BACK ALABAMA RETURNS IN 2020

Scale Back Alabama, the state’s largest weight loss and physical activity challenge, returns in 2020 after a successful 2019 campaign that saw over 17,000 Alabamians participate and lose more than 51,000 pounds combined.

Weigh-In Week is January 20-26. The campaign will conclude with a Weigh-Out Week April 6-12. Between those two weeks, participants will form teams of two and attempt to lose 10 pounds each for a chance at cash prizes.

Throughout the campaign, Scale Back Alabama will offer a variety of health and exercise tips, including healthy recipes, grocery store tours, and more.

Visit scalebackalabama.com for information on how to join, and for links to Scale Back Alabama’s social media networks, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

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which promote health and prevent disease. The employee must have served at the county, area, or state level for at least five years and be involved in the community beyond expectations of employment.

The Ira L. Myers Award, given to recognize an individual, a group, or organization that has made a significant impact on some aspect of public health. Nominees should represent excellence in effort and a significant achievement toward the promotion and protection of public health.

Please consider employees, supervisors, co-workers, and community partners for these awards. Although you must be a current AlPHA member to nominate someone, the nominee does not have to be an AlPHA member.

Check our next newsletter or visit us online at alphassoc.org in early 2020 for information on how you can submit your nominations!

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As President of the Alabama Public Health Association (AlPHA), a position I am extremely honored to hold this year, please let this letter be your official invite to the 64th Annual AlPHA Educational Conference at Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill on April 7-10, 2020. AlPHA is a key resource on public health issues and policy in Alabama and is the clearinghouse for public health education for the citizens in the state.

It takes a diverse, dedicated, and educated public health workforce to address the challenges we face to improve health, achieve health equity, and increase the quality of our lives. This year, we are going to show the "Then and Now" with the opening of the Alabama Department of Public Health’s state-of-the-art lab in Prattville. Along with the myriad of professional speakers, we will have a surprise guest to welcome all of our attendees to the 2020 conference.

Public Health is in a constant state of change; as Maya Angelou stated, “As you grow older, you will discover you have two hands, one for helping yourself and one for helping others.” That is Public Health!

I look forward to seeing you in April. As we change, we grow! Keep growing!
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