



# National and Chapter News



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On March 15, 2013 William B. Deal, MD, former president of AΩA and dean of the University of Alabama School of Medicine, passed away. He was a colleague whose life exemplified the motto of Alpha Omega Alpha—"Be worthy to serve the suffering." He served AΩA as a member of the board of directors from 1989 to 1995, and as its president from 1993 to 1995.

His sudden death was followed by numerous tributes.

William B. Deal grew up in Forest City, North Carolina, and was a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1958 and a medical degree in 1963, specializing in Infectious Diseases.

Upon graduation, he was on active duty as the medical officer aboard the *USS Capricornus*, U.S. Navy, and was honorably discharged in 1968 as Lieutenant. He spent 25

years at the University of Florida, starting as an intern and rising through the ranks to become dean and vice president of the Main Medical Center and Foundation from 1988 until 1990, and he joined UAB as associate dean and professor of Medicine in 1991. He was named senior associate dean in 1996 and interim dean in 1997, becoming permanent dean October 31, 1997 until October 2004, when he was named senior vice president and dean emeritus. He also served as interim director and CEO of the UAB Health System from December 1998 until October 2000.

Dr. Deal served on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation National Advisory Committee and was a member of the Alabama Rural Health association, the National Rural Health Association, American Association of Medical Colleges, and many other distinguished professional organizations. He chaired or was a member of many committees of the American Medical Association, and was the recipient of numerous awards and honors.

Dr. Deal is survived by his wife April, daughters Kimberly Wolpert (Jim) and Kathleen Deal; their mother, Elizabeth; and grandsons Matthew, Christopher, and Andrew Wolpert. He is also survived by his siblings, Nancy Weaver, Betsy Smith (Gilbert), Harold Deal (Martha), in-laws Emily and Sam Cooper, and 12 nieces and nephews.

From 1978 on Dr. Deal's practice was in leadership roles at University of Florida, Maine Medical Center, the AΩA board of directors and most recently at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Comments about his leadership style during this time focused on his management style and his development of faculty and staff.

His style included attention to all as a counselor, and a keen ability to not only delegate but support those he delegated tasks to as their leader.

The phrase, "We have lost a good one," was mentioned from a full spectrum of employees at UAB. His support of AΩA and its goals continued long after his presiding of the board.

Will Deal's legacy included his devotion to the development of careers of many he led at these institutions. We at AΩA salute and celebrate his life.

C. Bruce Alexander, MD  
*President, Alpha Omega Alpha  
Birmingham, Alabama*



Presidents of Alpha Omega Alpha	
Name	Years served
William W. Root, founder (1902, University of Illinois)	1902–1904
Winfield Scott Hall (1903, Northwestern University)	1904–1913
Russell Burton-Opitz (1907, Columbia University)	1913–1918
John L. Heffron (1911, Syracuse University)	1918–1924
Walter L. Bierring (1921, University of Iowa)	1924–1960
Wilburt C. Davison (1931, Duke University)	1960–1963
Victor Johnson (1936, University of Chicago)	1963–1966
Donald G. Anderson (1938, Columbia University)	1966–1968
John Z. Bowers (1954, University of Maryland)	1968–1978
James A. Campbell (1944, Harvard Medical School)	1978–1980
Sherman M. Mellinkoff (1944, Stanford University)	1980–1984
James F. Glenn (1953, Duke University)	1984–1986
Carol J. Johns (1950, Johns Hopkins University)	1986–1987
Jeremiah A. Barondess (1949, Johns Hopkins University)	1987–1989
Leo M. Henikoff (1961, University of Illinois)	1989–1990
Stuart A. Schneck (1952, University of Pennsylvania)	1990–1993
William B. Deal (1974, University of Florida)	1993–1995
Frank C. Arnett (1968, University of Cincinnati)	1995–1996
David C. Dale (1966, Harvard Medical School)	1996–2002
Michael V. Drake (1989, University of California, San Francisco)	2002–2006
Rae-Ellen W. Kavey (1972, McGill University)	2006–2011
Ruth-Marie E. Fincher (1976, Medical College of Georgia)	2011–2012
C. Bruce Alexander (1970, University of Virginia)	2012–2013

**Leaders in American Medicine streaming videos**

In 1967, as a result of a generous gift from Drs. David E. and Beatrice C. Seegal, Alpha Omega Alpha initiated a program of one-hour videotapes featuring interviews with distinguished American physicians and medical scientists.

Interviewed by physicians who themselves have achieved distinction in their fields, renowned men and women of American medicine reflect on their formative years, the persons and events that influenced them, the circumstances surrounding their major contributions to medical education and medical science, and the ebb and flow that occurred in their disciplines during their careers. They are a unique resource for those embarking on medical careers, as well as a permanent record of many of the people who helped to shape medicine in the United States in this century.

The collection has been digitized and streaming videos are being posted on the AQA web site: [http:// alphaomegaaalpha.org/leaders.html](http://alphaomegaaalpha.org/leaders.html). Available now are videos of the following leaders in American medicine.

Interview of	Interviewer
Raymond Adams, MD	Arthur Asbury, MD
Mary Ellen Avery, MD	Marcia Angell, MD
Benjamin M. Baker, MD	Carol J. Johns, MD
Jeremiah A. Barondess, MD	David E. Rogers, MD
Paul B. Beeson & Eugene A. Stead, MD	Beeson and Stead
John A. Benson, Jr., MD	Daniel D. Federman, MD
F. Tremaine Billings, Jr., MD	Harvie Branscomb
Baruch S. Blumberg, MD, PhD	Jemes Sherley, MD, PhD
Stuart Bondurant, MD	Jeremiah A. Barondess, MD
John Z. Bowers, MD	Robert J. Glaser, MD
Eugene Braunwald, MD	Lee Goldman, MD
George F. Cahill, Jr., MD	Ronald H. Arky, MD
Benjamin Castleman, MD	Ronald B. Weinstein, MD
Robert A. Chase, MD	Robert J. Glaser, MD
W. Montague Cobb, MD	LaSalle D. Leffal, Jr., MD
Lowell T. Coggeshall, MD	John Z. Bowers, MD
C. Lockard Conley, MD	Benjamin M. Baker, MD
Denton A. Cooley, MD	Ron Stone
George W. Corner, MD	John Z. Bowers, MD
Martin M. Cummings, MD	Peter D. Olch, MD
James E. Darnell, Jr., MD	Jeff Friedman
Michael E. DeBakey, MD	Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD
Lester R. Dragstedt, MD, PhD	John Landor, MD
Harriet P. Dustan, MD	Edward Frohlich, MD
Richard V. Ebert, MD	William W. Stead, MD
Robert H. Ebert, MD	Richard V. Ebert, MD
John Eckstein, MD	Francois M. Abboud, MD
Gertrude B. Elion, DSc	Mary Ellen Avery, MD
John F. Enders, PhD	Frederick C. Robbins, MD
George L. Engel, MD	Stanford Meyerowitz
Robert J. Glaser, MD	Robert A. Chase, MD
Daniel Nathans, MD	Daniel DiMaio, MD
David E. Rogers, MD	William Schaffner, MD
David C. Sabiston, Jr., MD	Paul A. Ebert, MD
W. D. Barry Wood, Jr., MD	Robert J. Glaser, MD