

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO OUR HONORARY CHAIR CHARLES BARKLEY, TO HIS SPECIAL GUEST BO JACKSON AND TO OUR HOST COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS FOR MAKING SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES POSSIBLE FOR THE UAB MINORITY HEALTH & RESEARCH CENTER, AND – MOST IMPORTANTLY – FOR THE PEOPLE WE SERVE THROUGH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS.

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The Fourth Annual

UAB MINORITY HEALTH & RESEARCH CENTER GALA

SEPTEMBER 26, 2008
CAHABA GRAND CONFERENCE CENTER

7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM AND DINNER

OPENING

MALENA CUNNINGHAM, STRATEGIC MEDIA RELATIONS - EMCEE
ERNIE JOHNSON, JR., TURNER SPORTS - GUEST EMCEE

WELCOME

KATHRYN D. HARBERT, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
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CLEOPHUS THOMAS, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW
Gala Co-Chairs

REMARKS

CAROL Z. GARRISON
President, The University of Alabama at Birmingham

INVOCATION

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEEDS

DINNER

REMARKS

DR. MONA N. FOUAD
Director, UAB Minority Health & Research Center

AWARDS
PRESENTATION

DR. KEITH A. JONES
Leader, MHRC Training Program

DR. EDWARD E. PARTRIDGE
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INTRODUCTION

ERNIE JOHNSON, JR.
Guest Emcee

REMARKS

CHARLES BARKLEY
Honorary Chair

CLOSING

CLEOPHUS THOMAS, JR.
Gala Co-Chair



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Award Recipients

THE CHARLES BARKLEY HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH AWARDS

Nefertiti Durant, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, *School of Medicine*

Anthony Roberson, PhD, MSN, Assistant Professor, UAB Family/Child Health & Caregiving, *School of Nursing*

Stephenie Wallace, MD, MSPH, Assistant Professor, UAB Department of Epidemiology, *School of Medicine*

Elizabeth Brown, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, UAB Department of Pediatrics, *School of Public Health*

Marcela Frazier, OD, Assistant Professor, UAB Department of Optometry, *School of Optometry*

THE EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARDS

David B. Allison, PhD, Professor of Public Health, UAB Department of Biostatistics, *School of Public Health*

Jose Fernandez, PhD, Associate Professor, UAB Department of Nutrition Sciences - Physiology & Metabolism, *School of Health Professions*

Sheri Spaine Long, PhD, Associate Professor, Chair, Department of Foreign Languages, *School of Arts and Humanities*

Michael Crowe, PhD, Associate Professor, UAB Division of Gerontology & Geriatric Medicine, *School of Social and Behavioral Sciences*

THE MHRC/RCMAR HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH AWARDS

Andrei Barasch, DMD, Associate Professor, UAB Department of Diagnostic Sciences, *School of Dentistry*

Lee Caplan, MD, PhD, MPH, Professor, Prevention Research Center, *Morehouse School of Medicine*

Michael Crowe, PhD, Associate Professor, UAB Department of Psychology, *School of Social & Behavioral Sciences*

Laura Dreer, PhD, Associate Professor, UAB Department of Ophthalmology, *School of Medicine*

THE YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARDS

Marcela Frazier, OD, Assistant Professor, UAB Department of Optometry, *School of Optometry*

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Jian Chen, MD, PhD, Post-Doctoral Trainee, UAB Division of Immunology/Rheumatology, *School of Medicine*

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Nish McCree-Hale, MA, Student Assistant, Doctoral Candidate, UAB Department of Health Behavior, *School of Public Health*

THE UAB MINORITY HEALTH & RESEARCH CENTER

The UAB Minority Health & Research Center is a comprehensive research, training and community-outreach center dedicated to eliminating health disparities among racial and ethnic populations. Founded in 2002 by Director Mona Fouad, MD, MPH and Co-Director Edward E. Partridge, MD, the MHRC has gained national recognition by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, part of the National Institutes of Health, as a model center for the creation and growth of similar programs nationwide. The MHRC leadership has also been recognized with the Frost & Sullivan Best Practices Award for Excellence in Overcoming Disparities and with the American Medical Association's Award of Excellence in Eliminating Health Disparities. Under the mission of Building Trust, Sharing Power and Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Bias and Discrimination, the UAB MHRC partners with grassroots organizations, historically black colleges and universities, government agencies and investigators nationwide to eliminate disparities in health care experienced by racial and ethnic minorities in the United States.



HONORARY CHAIR CHARLES BARKLEY

When the conversation turns to Charles Barkley, many people think first of the always entertaining, sometimes outrageous running commentary on basketball and his celebrated 16-year NBA career, which he continues to provide through his books, television appearances and speeches around the country. But at UAB, Charles Barkley is best known for his commitment to the Minority Health & Research Center, and for his support of UAB's efforts to help treat and prevent disease among Alabama's minority citizens through education, research and community outreach. In 2003, he accepted an invitation to speak at the first UAB MHRC conference, "Equal Care, Equal Outcomes," at which the MHRC mission of understanding and reducing health disparities came into clear focus. In 2004, he established The Charles Barkley Health Disparities Fund at UAB, from which grants are given to rising young UAB faculty – physicians, scientists, public health professionals and others – to support their research related to the prevalence of obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer and other conditions that disproportionately affect minorities. Generous with his time as well as with his money, Barkley remains a steadfast friend to the UAB MHRC, inspiring others to join him in this important effort.



GUEST EMCEE ERNIE JOHNSON, JR.

Ernie Johnson, Jr. enters his 18th year as studio host for Turner Sports 2007-08 NBA telecasts. He hosts TNT's Emmy Award-winning *Inside the NBA* with regular analysts Kenny Smith and Charles Barkley, and guest analysts Magic Johnson and Reggie Miller. *Inside the NBA* follows TNT's exclusive Thursday night NBA coverage each week throughout the regular season, as well as for **40 Games in 40 Nights** during the playoffs. He has hosted coverage of a wide range of sports for TNT including football, golf, the Goodwill Games, tennis at Wimbledon and the Winter Olympics since joining the staff in 1989. From 1993 to 1996, he called Atlanta Braves games on SportSouth with his dad, Ernie Johnson, Sr. A graduate of Henry Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia, he was named Outstanding Young Alumnus in 1986. He is the recipient of numerous awards, most notably the 2001 and 2006 Sports Emmy for Best Studio Host/Personality, as well as the 1989 Georgia-area Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement-Television News Excellence/Sports Reporting. In 2007 Johnson was presented with the first ever honorary John Wooden Keys to Life Award, presented by Athletes in Action to sports figures who exemplify outstanding character.



SPECIAL GUEST BO JACKSON

From winning the Heisman Trophy to being the first athlete to be selected to the All-Star games in two different sports, Bo Jackson has lived his life in upholding the highest of standards personally and professionally. While earning his BS in Human Sciences at Auburn University, Bo learned the value and importance of nutrition through healthy eating. He never forgot that food not only must be fresh and taste good but also must satisfy the soul. Known as one of the greatest athletes of all time, he is a champion of diversity in business and in life. The commitment and confidence that made him great in sports has also made him an outstanding business leader. Bo graduated from Auburn University in 1995.

Bo's athletic accomplishments, while only a portion of his achievements, are notable:

- Heisman Trophy winner in 1985, Auburn University
- One of the first athletes to play in two different professional sports
- Four seasons as running back for the Oakland Raiders
- Eight seasons played in Major League Baseball
- First athlete to be selected to play in All Star games in two different sports
- MVP of the 1989 Major League Baseball All Star Game