

UAMS News Bureau

Office of Communications & Marketing
4301 West Markham # 890
Little Rock, AR 72205-7199

uamshealth.com/news



News Release
Nov. 17, 2020

Media Contacts:

Leslie W. Taylor, 501-686-8998
Wireless phone: 501-951-7260
leslie@uams.edu

Liz Caldwell, 501-686-8995
Wireless phone: 501-350-4364
liz@uams.edu

UAMS Chancellor Awards \$100,000 to Three Programs

LITTLE ROCK — Chancellor’s Circle grants totaling \$100,000 have been awarded to three University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) programs to support health care education, research and patient care.

Each program made a significant impact on the health and well-being of Arkansans during a challenging year, and each is poised to continue this great work in the year ahead. The grants will help UAMS create training for residents and fellows, provide mental health and wellness services for UAMS employees and address food insecurity issues in the community.

“It’s my honor and privilege to award the Chancellor’s Circle grants each year, and I have our generous members to thank for it,” said UAMS Chancellor Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, and CEO of UAMS Health. “Your support helps UAMS stay on the forefront of medical education and helps address needs of our health care workers and the community.”

The following programs received grants:

- **The UAMS Wellness Program**, led by Natalie Cannady, M.Ed., received \$40,000 to support two initiatives. Nurturing Team UAMS: Caring for the Nurse is a retreat modeled after the Nurturing the Nurse program at Yale University that teaches skills for combating stress and burnout, which are high among nurses. The Department of Family & Preventive Medicine’s Cooperative Wellness Initiative will promote and facilitate an ongoing vibrant culture of wellness and well-being by creating an attractive, well-appointed space to coordinate wellness activities.
- **Stocked & Reddie**, the UAMS campus food pantry led by Mande Corbett, received \$30,000 to support its ongoing services. Initially located at the Distribution Center, the program moved to the Monroe Building (former Red Cross building) in March, just in time to switch to drive-thru operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program expanded to deliver dry goods and supplies to Regional Campuses across the state and launched Stocked & Reddie Plus to support quarantined staff and students.

- The **UAMS College of Medicine Graduate Medical Education** enterprise, led by Molly Gathright, M.D., received \$30,000 to support the Pathway to Program Excellence Initiative for its ongoing education efforts, needed now more than ever. Medical school graduates are required to complete residency training to practice medicine. Physicians are more likely to remain in the state where they complete their residency, which is an important factor in a state like Arkansas where there are physician shortages, particularly in rural primary care. UAMS has set a goal to increase residency positions in Arkansas by 200 slots over the next decade, with at least 50% of these spots in primary care, and is working to develop new residency programs statewide. The initiative will provide workshops and trainings to UAMS' 63 GME accredited training programs and partners across the state.

The Chancellor's Circle includes those donors who support programs at UAMS through annual contributions of \$1,500 or more. More than 200 household and corporate members make up the Chancellor's Circle. The Chancellor's Circle was created in 1984 by the UAMS Board of Advisors and has raised more than \$9 million to support UAMS' mission.

To support UAMS by becoming a member of the Chancellor's Circle, visit giving.UAMS.edu/chancellorscircle.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state's Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — COPD, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,876 students, 898 medical residents and four dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

Like us, we're social:    

###