

UAB Medicine and  
UAB Institute for Arts in Medicine presents

# UAB STORYPOWER: A Call to Care

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 | 12-1p

**Margaret Cameron Spain Auditorium**

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FEATURING:

**Ms. Minnie Greene**

Purple Car and Guest Services

**Dr. Martin Heslin**

Chief Medical Officer

**Wendy Walters, LICSW**

Clinical Ethics Consultant

**Donita White**

Manager Guest Services

**Terri Middlebrooks, RN**

Clinical Care Coordinator on the ACE Unit

**Anthony Patterson, RN, MSHA**

Senior Vice President

**Dr. Vineeta Kumar**

Director, Transplant Nephrology Fellowship Program

**Sammy Yassin, RN**

Neurosurgery

*Pre-show music provided by Michael Matthews, MD Candidate*

**UAB Institute for Arts in Medicine, AIM** is a partnership with UAB Visual and Performing Arts and UAB Medicine. AIM is part of a patient-centered approach to health care addressing the needs of the mind, body and spirit. AIM strives to transform the environment of care and well-being for our patients, families and staff through FREE creative arts experiences in a hospital setting with trained teaching artists-in-residence. Our artists approach each patient as a unique individual with a lifetime of experiences. Since 2013, AIM has touched the lives of more than 62,000 individuals.



### **Ms. Minnie Greene**

Ms. Minnie Greene has worked in the UAB Health System for 30 years. She graduated from Wenonah High School and attended Alabama State University. Minnie loves spending time with family and friends. She also loves being in the UAB family and saying hello to everyone as she drives by in the Minnie-Mobile.



### **Martin Heslin, MD, MSHA**

Dr. Heslin is a professor and Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery, Chief of the Medical Staff at UAB Hospital and Senior Scientist at the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. He specializes in the research

and treatment of gastrointestinal cancers and soft-tissue sarcomas and he manages liver, pancreas, colorectal, esophageal and gastric cancer as part of a multidisciplinary process. He is involved with genetic analyses of these tumors and the correlation with patient outcomes. Dr. Heslin created and co-manages a large human tissue bank to support innovative research in the Department of Surgery. He is involved with health services research and improving the

environment of care. Dr. Heslin was recruited to UAB in 1996 from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where he completed clinical and research fellowships. He received his BS from Cornell University and his MD from SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse. He completed his residency at New York University Medical Center.



### **Wendy Walter, LICSW, HEC-C**

Wendy has been in direct clinical practice for more than 30 years, working mainly with terminally ill patients and their families. She spent her first 13 years working as a direct care medical social worker for what was then UAB's

hospice program and the next four years with hospice companies providing education around end-of-life issues with staff and healthcare professionals. In 2006, Wendy returned to UAB and spent the next ten years working in the intensive care units with critical care teams to helping families make difficult end-of-life decisions. In 2016 accepted a full-time position as UAB's ethics consultant. Wendy recently won the Association of Oncology Social Work's 2018 Leadership in Oncology Social Work award and was a finalists for the Schwartz Center's 2018 Compassionate Caregiver of the Year award.



**Donita White**

After graduating from Jacksonville State University, Donita worked at Colonial Properties Trust as a property manager. Ready for a change, Donita accepted the manager position at the UAB Townhouse in 1999. Since then,

she has managed the patient information desks, managed the P9 Family Rooms, the West Pavilion Conference and Patient Transport. In 2019 Donita completed the Geriatric Interprofessional Program.



**Anthony Patterson, BSN, MSHA**

Anthony has 33 years in nursing, executive leadership, product development and administrative leadership of graduate educational programs. Since graduating from UAB School of Nursing, he has been in a leadership role at UAB

Health System for 18 years and in his current role as Senior Vice President of Inpatient Services at UAB Medicine for over 6 years. Anthony is responsible for planning, directing and managing the operation of UAB Medicine. Prior to serving as Senior Vice President, Anthony was the Senior Associate Vice President/Chief Operating Officer at UAB Highlands.



**Terri Middlebrooks, RN-BC**

After graduating from the UAB School of Nursing, Terri began her career in Women’s Health at UAB in Labor and Delivery and Mother Baby and then Reproductive Endocrinology. After taking a break from nursing to raise her children,

Terri came back to work on the ACE unit at UAB Highlands serving in the roles of RN, Charge Nurse and is currently the ACE Unit Care Coordinator.



**Vineeta Kumar, MD**

Dr. Kumar is a Tenured and Endowed Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine and Division of Nephrology at UAB. She completed medical school at M.P Shah Medical College in India followed by a

followed by internal medicine residency and chief residency at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Soon after Vineeta pursued a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle followed by a transplant nephrology fellowship at UAB. Currently, Vineeta is a UAB full professor and a practicing kidney transplant nephrologist. Vineeta also serves as the Lead Nephrologist for the UAB living kidney donor program, the UAB Incompatible Kidney Transplant Program and the UAB Kidney Paired Donation Program.



**Sammy Yassin, RN**

Sammy Yassin works as an RN in the NICU. He is a Geriatric Scholar and currently pursuing his Nurse Practitioner degree here at UAB. He is engaged to be married and approaches life and work with great passion.

**Produced by:** Elizabeth Vander Kamp

**Stage Manager:** Lauren Edwards    **Production:** Adam Stermer

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*Executive Director of UAB Visual and Performing Arts*

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