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Six New Board Members Selected for Alabama's Schweitzer Fellowship for 2023-2026

New Slate of Officers Also Begin

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Birmingham, AL, May 15, 2023 ----- The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship of Alabama (ASF) is pleased to announce six new members to its Board of Directors: Cari Brand, Ben Coffman, Johnny Cupp, Mary Scott Hodgin, Clifford Kennon and Rachel Stokes. These new Board members epitomize Dr. Schweitzer's philosophy of service and will direct the organization's work throughout their three-year tenure.

"We are thrilled to welcome such a wonderfully engaged and talented group of individuals to our Board of Directors," said April Mize, Board Member and Chair of the Governance Committee tasked with recruiting new Board members. "Each of these individuals brings unique talents and skill sets to the table while sharing a common passion to bring health equity to Alabama. I'm excited to see their contributions to ASF advance our mission and work in the community."

Cari Brand, RN, BSN, is Director of Strategic Partnerships for Compassus, a provider of home health, hospice and palliative care, home infusion therapy and advanced care management. Previously she served Compassus as a Regional Market Executive for Alabama, Sales Director and Clinical Liaison. Her past experience includes positions as a Hospice Specialist for Gentiva Health Services and Senior Sales Representative for Eli Lilly. Her career also includes stints as a traveling and hospital based nurse. She is a graduate of Auburn University.

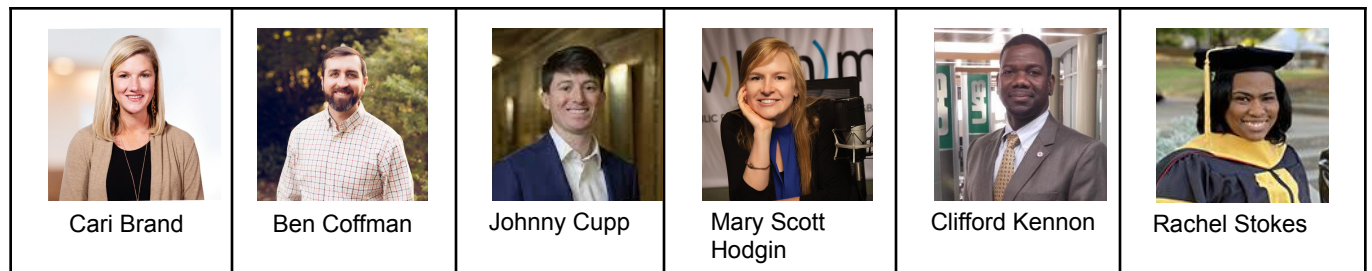
Ben Coffman, CPA, is Senior Director of Financial Reporting at Protective Life. During his nine years at Protective, he has led financial reporting and analysis for several of the company's operating segments. Coffman started his career in public accounting at Deloitte in the Birmingham audit practice where he spent five years primarily serving real estate and financial services clients. He previously served as a founding member and on the leadership team of the Auburn University Harbert College of Business Young Alumni Council.

Johnny Cupp, CPA, is Chief Financial Officer of TherapySouth, where he oversees financial analysis, budgeting and forecasting, accounting, real estate, corporate financial strategy, treasury and other corporate functions. He was named CFO in 2017 after serving as Accounting Manager for the organization. A finalist for the 2019 Birmingham Business Journal (BBJ) CFO Awards (Mid-Sized Company), Cupp was recently recognized as a 2023 BBJ Top 40 Under 40 recipient. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting.

Mary Scott Hodgin, MBA, is the Health and Science Reporter with WBHM Public Radio. She has won numerous awards for her reporting, which has centered on issues including the COVID-19 pandemic, access to mental health care and Alabama's criminal justice system. From 2019 through 2022, Hodgin led the development of WBHM's first narrative podcast, "Deliberate Indifference." A native of Birmingham, Hodgin holds two undergraduate degrees from the University of Alabama and an MBA from UAB.

Clifford Kennon, EdS, MPA, CPP, is a Program Director in UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Science where he works in the Engagement of Communities domain, supporting collaborations that foster trust and establish partnerships between researchers and underserved populations. He is a three-time UAB alumnus and has over 25 years experience in higher education administration, most recently from the UAB Heersink School of Medicine and the UAB Office of Student Affairs. Active in the community, Kennon serves in leadership positions for Birmingham Urban League, Fellowship House of Birmingham, Memorial Fund Scholarship Board, UAB College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Board and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Rachel Stokes, DrPh, MPH, a native of Anniston, AL, worked for the Indian Health Service (IHS) as an Environmental Health Specialist, most recently serving as a Senior Environmental Health Specialist in Michigan. In addition to her work with IHS, she has also served as an epidemiologist during the COVID-19 pandemic and humanitarian crisis on the U.S.-Mexico border in 2021. She is a graduate of Samford University, where she earned her undergraduate degree and later her doctorate in public health. In the interim she completed a master of public health degree from UAB, during which time she served as a member of the inaugural class of Alabama Schweitzer Fellows (2016-17).



ASF of Alabama additionally announces the new President of its Board of Directors, Stirling Hutchins. Hutchins assumed the role of Board President in January 2023 following the previous officer, Jan Hofman, who is serving an additional year on the Board as Past President and Secretary. Hutchins has served as an ASF Board Member since 2021.

The 2022-23 ASF Board of Directors are as follows:

Officers:

- Stirling Hutchins, A+ Education Partnership - President
- Trevor Waldo, Ascension St. Vincent's - Vice President
- Matthew Stuenkel, Medical Properties Trust - Treasurer
- Jan Hofman, Regions - Past President & Secretary

Directors:

- Cari Brand, Compassus
- Ben Coffman, Protective Life
- Johnny Cupp, TherapySouth
- Mary Scott Hodgin, WBHM
- Scott Kelly, Ogletree Deakins
- Clifford Kennon, UAB
- April Mize, Hoar
- Rachel Stokes, Fellow for Life
- Stacey Walters, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama

About The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship of Alabama

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) of Alabama is developing the next generation of healthcare professionals to serve and empower vulnerable people to live healthier lives and create healthier communities in Alabama. Since 2016, ASF of Alabama has trained 104 students who have partnered with over 77 community organizations to provide approximately 26,000 hours of service at a value of more than \$650,000 to Alabama's most vulnerable groups. Nationally, more than 4,000 U.S. Schweitzer Fellows have delivered nearly 750,000 hours of service to individuals and communities in need. Through its intensive one-year Fellowship program and the ongoing work of its 4,000+ Fellow for Life alumni, ASF perpetuates the legacy of physician-humanitarian and Nobel Peace laureate Dr. Albert Schweitzer.