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### CHHS Spotlight



**James A. (Tony) Barber** is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Urgent Care America, LLC (UCA), located in Fort Myers, FL. He founded and opened UCA for business in April, 2008. A native of Springfield, KY, Tony earned his **B.S. in Health Care Administration from WKU** in 1976.

Tony has an extensive background in managing physician practices of varying sizes and physician relationships in multi-dimensional health systems. He is well connected to physicians in many markets around the United States. Other experience includes, the creation of a Risk Retention Group, development of a corporate-wide medical staff credentials program and the creation of a comprehensive CME and physician relations program designed to better connect hospitals with staff physicians.

UCA locations are spread across the United States. Locations include: 3 in Florida (plus Corporate Headquarters), 17 in Louisiana (plus the Operations office), 5 locations in Pennsylvania, 3 locations in Tennessee, 2 locations in Texas, plus 1 location in Illinois, Missouri, Nevada, and South Carolina. UCA also has a presence in the Caribbean.

Tony and his wife, Damita Jo, have two children, Kelly and Michael.



**Dr. Gary Ransdell, Tony Barber, and Dr. John Bonaguro**

## **CHHS Spotlight**



**James M. (Jim) Douthitt, Senior Vice President of RehabCare**, has more than 20 years of progressive experience in healthcare finance and operations. In his current role, Jim oversees the operations of the Mid-West/East Regions for the company with over 900 locations in 20 states. Jim also held the position of Vice President, Finance for the Skilled Rehabilitation Nursing Services Division of RehabCare, generating record performances in revenue and operating earnings.

Prior to RehabCare, Mr. Douthitt held executive-level positions with several major healthcare organizations, including Hospital Physician Partners (formerly Sterling Healthcare), Alliance Care, Kindred Healthcare (formerly Vencor, Inc.), Horizon Healthcare and Alliant Healthcare Services. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Western Kentucky University.

RehabCare is the leading provider of rehabilitation services, including physical, occupational and speech-language therapies, to over 2,000 hospitals and long-term care facilities in 46 states. The company is a rehab provider throughout the full continuum of care, including long-term acute care hospitals, nursing and rehabilitation centers, inpatient acute rehab units, independent rehabilitation facilities and hospice and home care locations. RehabCare Group is part of the Kindred Healthcare, Inc. family (based in Louisville, KY).

Jim has been a member of the American Health Care Leadership Institute and Texas Executive Education Network.

Jim and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Jack and Emma.

### **RN to BSN Students Participate in Health Fair**

Sixteen students enrolled in WKU's on-line **RN to BSN program** participated in a health fair organized by four nursing faculty members. The health fair took place at the UPS center in Bowling Green on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Forty-six employees visited various health promotion displays including arthritis, high blood pressure, sun safety, diabetes, healthy back practices, hand washing, healthy heart, and cholesterol/diet/BMI.



The students pictured are Jan Boarman, Dustie Barnett, Dee Edwards, Melissa Ebelhar, Kim Gowen, Sandra Gross, Sara Hodskins, Bethany Kinney, Ashley Kirk, Robin Madison, Ayme Rowland, Michelle Sharp, Robin Sewell, Angela Storie, Jennifer Waterbury, and Terri Webb. They were from Bowling Green, Owensboro, Smiths Grove, Albany, Greenville, and Oakland. Faculty attending were Dr. Cathy Abell, Ms. Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Ms. Kathleen Riley, and Dr. Deborah Williams.

### **School of Nursing Faculty Achieves NCC National Certification**

NCC is pleased to announce that **Kimberly Botner** has successfully met the requirements to maintain the NCC national credential as a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHC).

The credential is earned by meeting educational and/or practice requirements and taking a rigorous examination that covers the specified specialty areas.

Kimberly Botner joins the over 100,000 health care professionals that have earned the prestigious NCC credential since 1975. Maintenance of the credential is required every three years and involves a continuing competency assessment and earning continuing education.

NCC congratulates Kimberly Botner on achieving this professional milestone.

NCC is a not for profit organization that sponsors a national certification program in the obstetric, gynecologic and neonatal specialties. NCC is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. Please visit [nccwebsite.org](http://nccwebsite.org) for more information about NCC and NCC credentials.



**Kimberly Botner**

### **PH Student Receives Stipend from Kentucky and Appalachia Public Health Training Center**

**Cynthia Anozie**, PH Grad student, was selected by the Kentucky and Appalachia Public Health Training Center (KAPHTC) to receive a stipend in the amount of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) to support her practicum/field placement.

The stipend will be used to support work with medically underserved areas or populations (MUA/Ps) or health professional shortage areas (HPSAs). A majority of the work she will complete with her practicum/field placement must impact these underserved areas or populations.

### **HOSA Kentucky State Competition**

The Kentucky State HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Competition took place March 8-11 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, KY. This conference provides HOSA students the opportunity to compete in one of 57 competitive events, educational workshops, and opportunities for networking. Winners are eligible to compete at the National HOSA Conference in June, 2012 in Orlando, FL.

The results from the 2012 KY State HOSA Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> place Creative Problem Solving team:  
Jason Godsey – Falls of Rough, KY  
Laura Hinton – Hardinsburg, KY  
Adrienne Beck – Louisville, KY

1<sup>st</sup> place Biotechnology:  
Chiraag Kapadia – Madisonville, KY

1<sup>st</sup> place Nursing Assisting:  
Matthew Garvey – Tompkinsville, KY

2<sup>nd</sup> place Extemporaneous Health Poster:  
Joshua Davis – Louisville, KY

2<sup>nd</sup> place Medical Terminology  
John Humphrey – Corydon, KY

**WKU/AHEC HOSA** is sponsored by South Central AHEC (Area Health Education Center). For more information, please contact Amy Winingar, HOSA Advisor for the WKU HOSA Chapter sponsored by the South Central AHEC, 745-6265 or e-mail at [amy.winingar@wku.edu](mailto:amy.winingar@wku.edu)



Pictured left to right are: Joshua Davis, Adrienne Beck, Jason Godsey, John Humphrey, Chiraag Kapadia  
(Not pictured: Laura Hinton and Matthew Garvey)