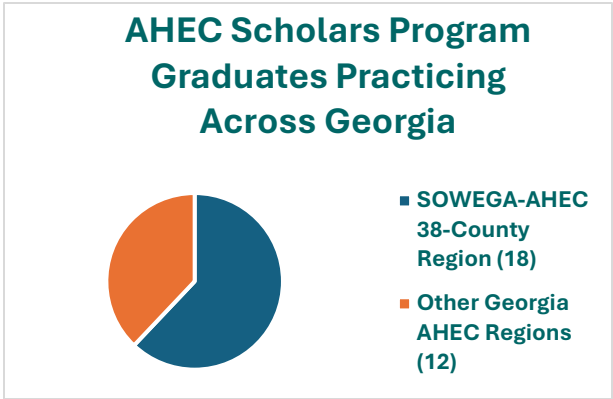
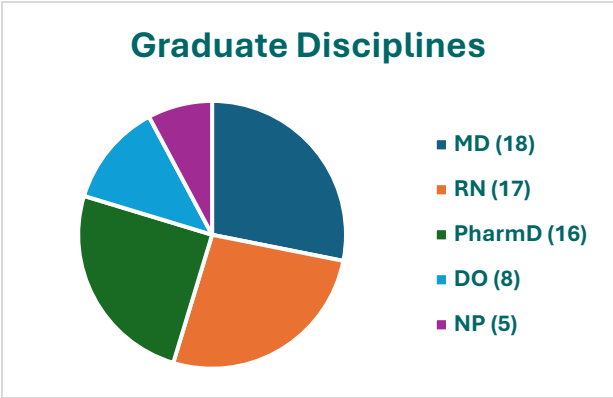




**Southwest Georgia AHEC Scholars Program  
Cumulative Impact 2018 to 2024**

- 64** Program Graduates
- 30** Returned to Practice Across Georgia
- 18** Returned to Practice in Southwest Georgia
- 5** Practicing Outside of Georgia (FL, NC, NY, TX)
- 5** Academic Institutions Represented in Cohorts
- 26** Graduates in Med School/Residency/Fellowship
- 22** Currently Enrolled Participants



The **AHEC Scholars Program** is a prestigious national initiative under the National AHEC Organization (NAO), implemented locally by regional AHECs. The 160-hour, two-year longitudinal program integrates interdisciplinary education with both classroom and community-based experiential learning. Southwest Georgia AHEC Scholars gain specialized knowledge in eight core areas while working alongside peers from various healthcare disciplines, fostering a collaborative approach to patient-centered care.

### Southwest Georgia AHEC Scholars Program National Recognition

2021 – National Area Health Education Organization Center of Excellence Award for AHEC Scholars Program

**Testimonial:** *The Southwest Georgia AHEC Scholars Program was a valuable part of the clinical years of my medical education which I chose to spend in Southwest Georgia. This program fostered discussions around current frontiers in healthcare with a special focus on impact on rural and underserved areas. I was able to interact with students from other healthcare disciplines, and we worked together to address issues such as behavioral health, telemedicine, disaster preparedness, human trafficking, and more.*

*The leadership of the program made me feel like I always had a family looking out for me during my time in Albany, and they kept us supplied with opportunities to really dig in and make an impact on the underserved populations around us that we learned about. I feel that through the AHEC Scholars Program, I got a more in depth look at the issues facing my community and gained an appreciation for the specific needs that I can help serve in my future career as a physician – and I got to have fun while doing it! I would recommend the SOWEGA AHEC Scholars Program to any healthcare professions student who has the privilege of spending their clinical years in Southwest Georgia. (Cohort #2, Class of 2021)*

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