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Sixteen UAB physicians and researchers were selected for awards during the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center's 14th annual Research Retreat and Research Competition.

The research competition enables junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to showcase their work in the areas of cancer research, cancer prevention and control research and biostatistics and bioinformatics research. This year's competition included 112 poster presentations and awards were given in eight categories.

Louis Burt Nabors, M.D., professor and director of the Division of Neuro-Oncology, Department of Neurology received the Albert F. LoBuglio Distinguished Faculty Award, presented annually to a Cancer Center investigator who has made outstanding research contributions.

The John R. Durant Award for Excellence in Cancer Research was presented in three categories. Winners were Christopher Willey, M.D., Ph.D.; Hyunki Kim, Ph.D.; and Eddy Yang, M.D., Ph.D., junior faculty; Christine Wright, Ph.D.; Jason Warram, Ph.D.; and Marla Hertz, Ph.D., postdoctoral fellow; plus graduate students Evan Comeaux, Katie Jo Rohn and Angelina Londono Joshi.

Mudit Vaid, Ph.D., received the William C. Bailey Award for Excellence in Cancer Prevention and Control Research with honorable mentions for Tripti Singh and Suguna Badiga.

Anandi Sawant, Ph.D., received the Tandra Chaudhuri Award for Excellence in Cancer Research. The Seng-jaw Soong Award for Excellence in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Research was presented to Ana Vazquez, Ph.D., and Jessica Schmitt received the Cancer Research Experiences for Students (CaRES) Award.