



# **Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce**

## **AWARD REPORT FOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS**

Fiscal Year 2021

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The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce strives to identify and meet the health care workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

# Introduction

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce (Board) members and staff are pleased to present the Award Report for Loan Repayment Programs for the Fiscal Year 2021.

In total, the Board awarded **\$1,814,148** to 100 recipients:

- Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Program, 37 recipients, 20 counties, \$922,126
- Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program, 7 recipients, 6 counties, \$170,000
- Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Program, 12 recipients, 11 counties, \$292,342
- Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program, 22 recipients, 15 counties, \$215,290
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Loan Repayment Program, 22 recipients, 14 counties, \$214,390

These programs require a commitment to practice for a minimum of 40 hours per week in a Georgia county with a population of 50,000 or less people according to the 2010 Census Count of the United States Bureau of the Census. The practice time requirement can be split between two or more counties, provided that none of the practice location counties exceed the 50,000 population limit, unless approved by the Board.

The administrative costs to carry out these loan repayment programs are funded through the Board Administration program of the Georgia Department of Community Health section in the state's budget, while the awards were funded through the Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance program.

Would you or someone you know want to know more about the Board and the important work we do to better the health care of rural Georgia? Then, please visit us online at <http://healthcareworkforce.georgia.gov/>. The website is an invaluable resource for both health care professionals and interested consumers.



Freeman Montaque, MS  
Interim Executive Director

# PRAA

The **Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Program (PRAA)** provides a service-cancelable loan of up to \$25,000 to physicians for providing direct patient care in underserved rural areas of Georgia. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable for a maximum of four years for a maximum award of \$100,000. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. The following individuals were each awarded up to \$25,000 through the PRAA for FY 2021, unless otherwise noted.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award Year(s)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
Priscilla Amoah, M.D.	2021, 2020	Tift	Pediatrics
Rachel Anderson, D.O.	2021	Thomas	Family Medicine
David Carstens, M.D.	2021	Brantley	Family Medicine
Caitlyn Coleman, M.D.	2021	Wayne	Pediatrics
Lindsay Dowis, D.O.	2021, 2020, 2019	Lumpkin / Rabun	Family Medicine
Kendrix J. Evans, M.D.	2021, 2020	Toombs	General Surgery
Henry L. Ferland, III, D.O.	2021, 2020	Toombs	General Surgery
Samuel Franklin, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Jefferson	Internal Medicine
Daniel Gordon, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Hart	Family Medicine
James Hamilton, M.D.	2021, 2020	Lumpkin	Family Medicine
Patrick Hanson, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019	Laurens	Orthopedics
Shaista Hussain, M.D.	2021, 2020	Coffee	Family Medicine
Shea Jones, D.O.	2021, 2020	Habersham	General Surgery
Geri Ellen Justice, M.D.	2021, 2020	Thomas	OB/GYN
Mana Kasongo, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019	Crisp	Emergency Medicine
Johan Koo, D.O.	2021, 2020	Lumpkin	Family Medicine
Logan McCool, D.O.	2021	Coffee	Physiatry
Jason B. Moye, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019	Decatur	OB/GYN

# PRAA (continued)

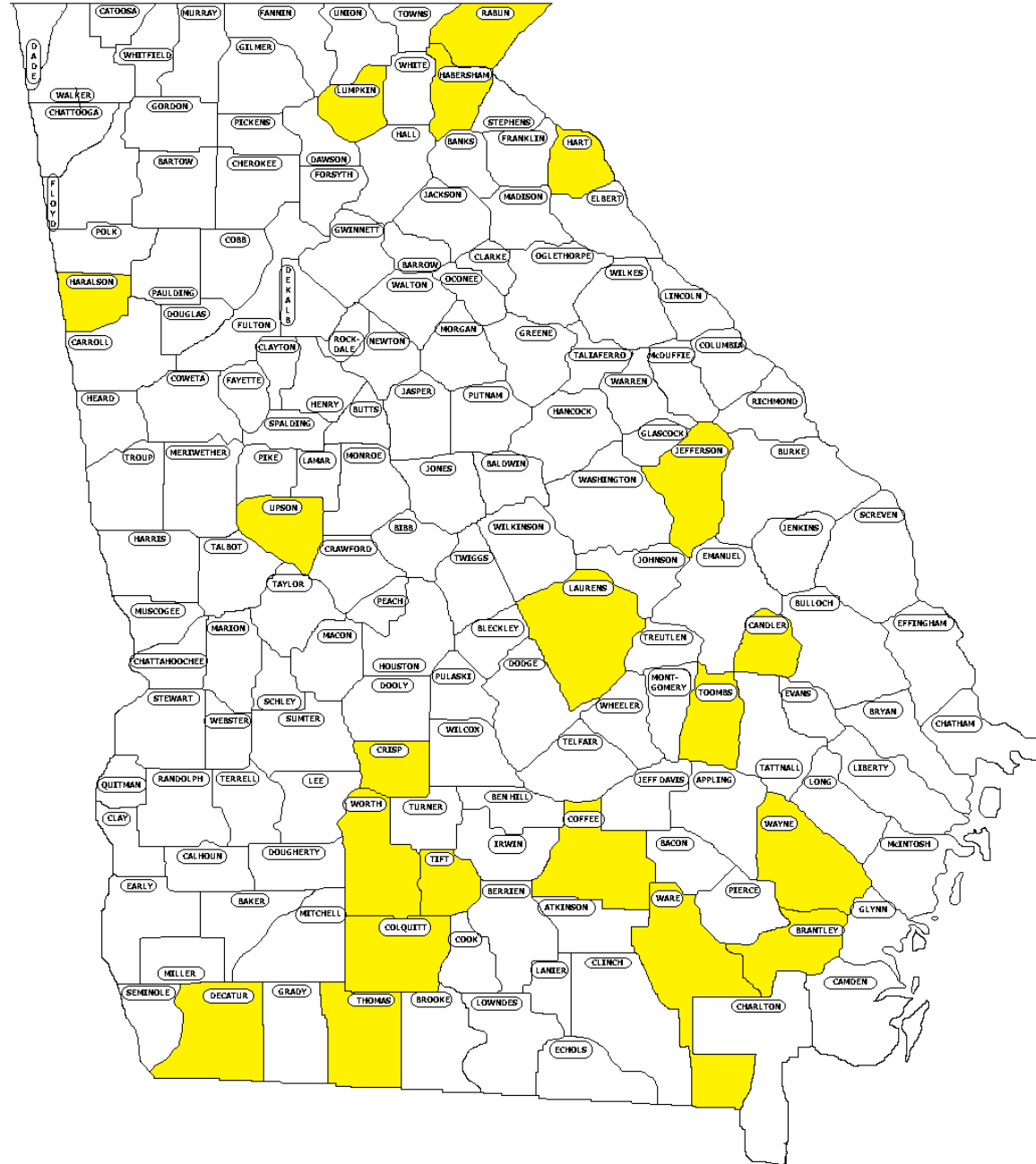
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Award Year(s)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
George Myers, IV, D.O.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Decatur	General Surgery
Thaihang Nguyen, D.O.	2021, 2020	Coffee	Family Medicine
Christina H. Noguera, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019	Upson	Family Medicine
Shannon Price, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019	Tift	OB/GYN
Alicia Register, M.D.	2021, 2020	Crisp	General Surgery
Jack Royal, M.D.	2021	Crisp	Anesthesiology
Josh D. Simmons, M.D.	2021, 2020	Decatur / Thomas	Internal Medicine
John Spivey, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Toombs	Orthopedics
Shad A. Stormant, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019	Ware	Family Medicine
Thomas Street, M.D.*	2021, 2020	Thomas	Anesthesiology
Ravin Talati, M.D.	2021, 2020	Habersham	Family Medicine
Erin Tanner, M.D.	2021, 2020	Candler	Internal Medicine
Randi Tatum, D.O.	2021	Colquitt	Pediatrics
Brandi Warren, D.O.	2021, 2020	Thomas	Family Medicine
Jesse Warren, D.O.	2021, 2020	Thomas	Anesthesiology
Nicholas Webster, M.D.	2021, 2020	Tift	Pediatrics
Josh Wilburn, M.D.	2021, 2020	Haralson	Internal Medicine
Carol Williams, M.D.	2021, 2020	Coffee	Pediatrics
Daren Wooten, M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Worth	Emergency Medicine

\*Street — \$22,125.85

# PRAA (continued)

In FY 2021, the Board awarded 37 recipients through the Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance program which provided 20 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



# GPLRP

The **Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program (GPLRP)** is a program funded by the State of Georgia and a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) that provides a service-cancelable loan of up to \$25,000 per year for a two-year period. It is limited to physicians and aimed at those physicians practicing the specialties of family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, geriatrics or psychiatry in a Health Professional Shortage Area located in a qualifying county. The participant may elect to re-apply for additional funding to be awarded on an annual basis for two additional years for a maximum of four years and \$100,000. The following individuals were each awarded up to \$25,000 through the GPLRP for FY 2021, unless otherwise noted.

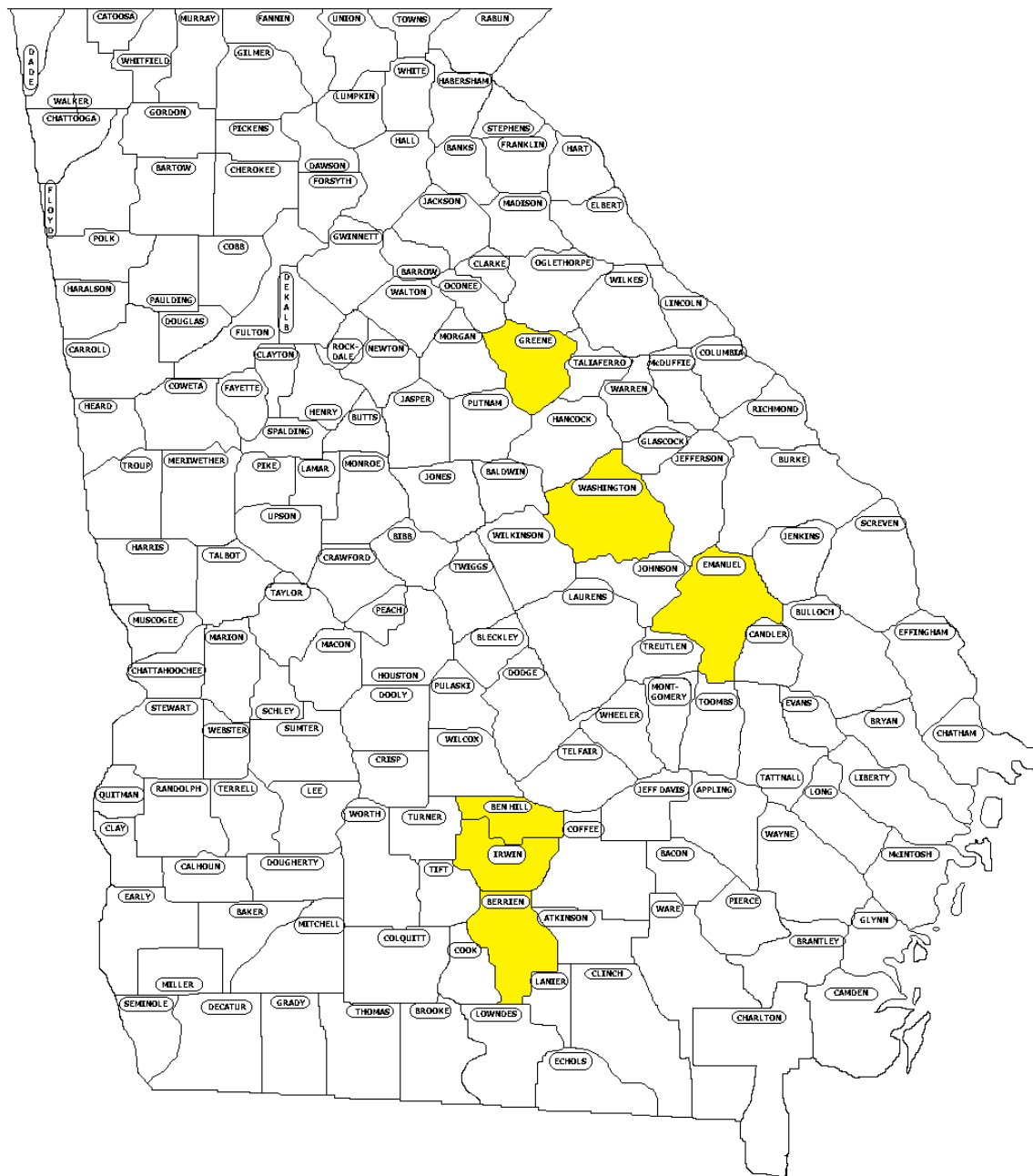
Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
William Cheeley, M.D.	2021	Greene	Internal Medicine
William Conner, M.D.	2021, 2020	Irwin	Pediatrics
Shayla Curtis, M.D.	2021	Ben Hill	Family Medicine
Thomas Ferrari, M.D.	2021	Emmanuel	Internal Medicine
Joshua Lang, D.O.	2021	Greene	Family Medicine
Jacqueline O’Kane, D.O.	2021	Berrien	Family Medicine
Michael Sumner, M.D.*	2021	Washington	Internal Medicine

\*Sumner — \$20,000.00



# GPLRP (continued)

In FY 2021, the Board awarded seven recipients through the Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program which provided six rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



# DRAA

The **Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Program (DRAA)** provides service-cancellable loans of up to \$25,000 per year in return for dental practice in an underserved, rural county in Georgia. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable three times for a maximum of four years and a total award of \$100,000. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. The following individuals were each awarded \$25,000 through the DRAA for FY 2021, unless otherwise noted.

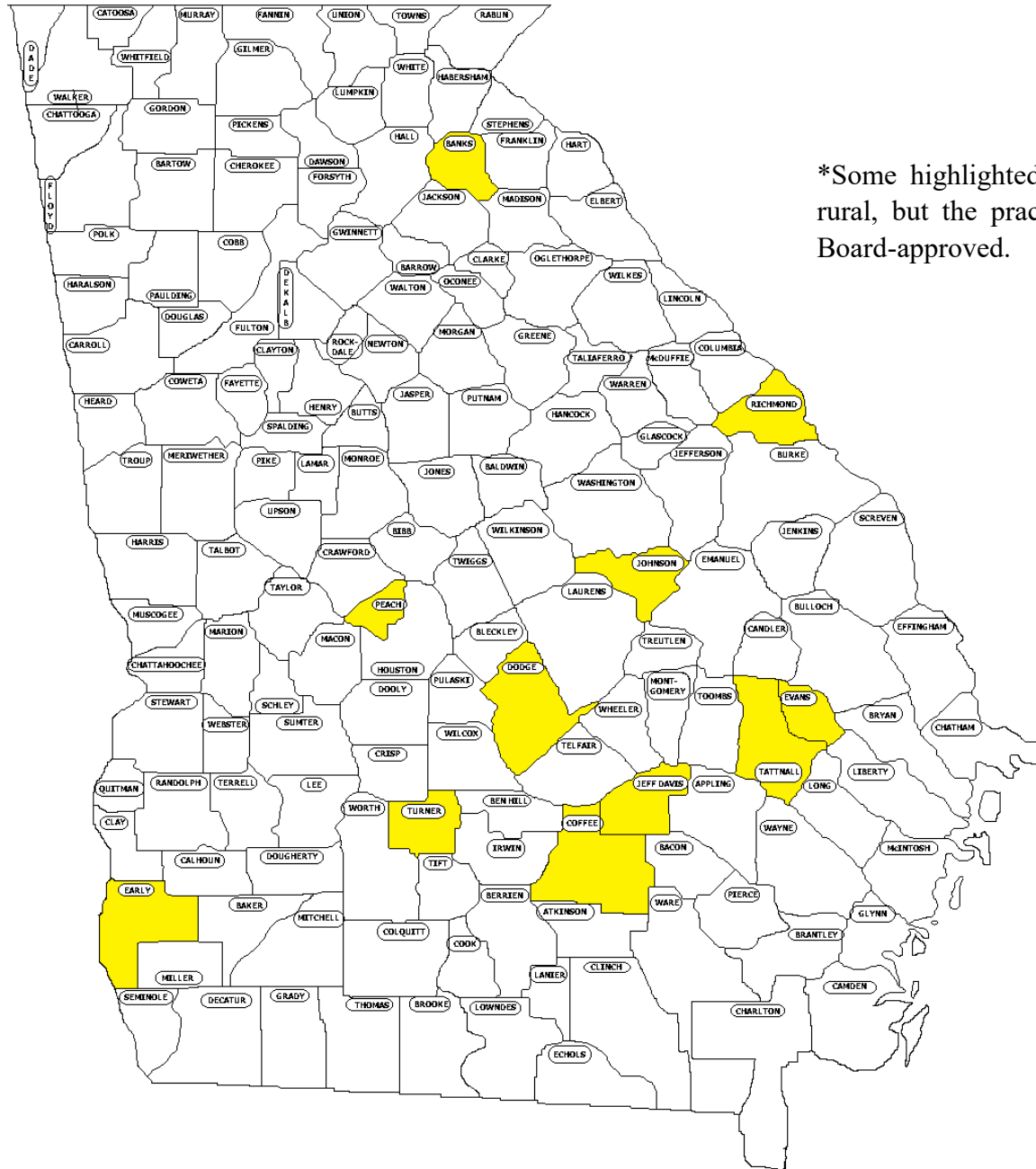
<b>Name</b>	<b>Award Year(s)</b>	<b>County</b>
Zackary Bentley, D.M.D.	2021, 2019, 2018, 2017	Tattnall
Charles Brooks, Jr., D.M.D.*	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Early
Chen Chen, D.D.S.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Banks
William Clance, D.M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Tattnall
Gary Crawford, D.M.D.	2021, 2020	Coffee
William C. Fussell, D.M.D.	2021, 2020	Coffee / Jeff Davis
Albreia Hall, D.M.D.	2021	Peach
Wallis S. Hobby, D.M.D.	2021, 2020	Turner
Kyle W. Hollis, D.M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Evans
Hasim S. Momin, D.M.D.	2021, 2020, 2018, 2017	Richmond**
Clayton S. Oliver, D.M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019	Dodge
Justin Ragan, D.M.D.	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Johnson

\*Brooks — \$17,341.71

\*\*While this county is not considered rural, this practice location is Board-approved.

# DRAA (continued)

In FY 2021, the Board awarded 12 recipients through the Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance program which provided 11 rural\* Georgia counties with improved access to care.



\*Some highlighted counties are not rural, but the practice locations are Board-approved.

# PALRP

The **Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program (PALRP)** provides service-cancellable loans of up to \$10,000 per year in return for physician assistant practice in an underserved, rural county in Georgia. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable three times for a maximum of four years and a total award of \$40,000. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. The following individuals were each awarded \$10,000 through the PALRP for FY 2021, unless otherwise noted.

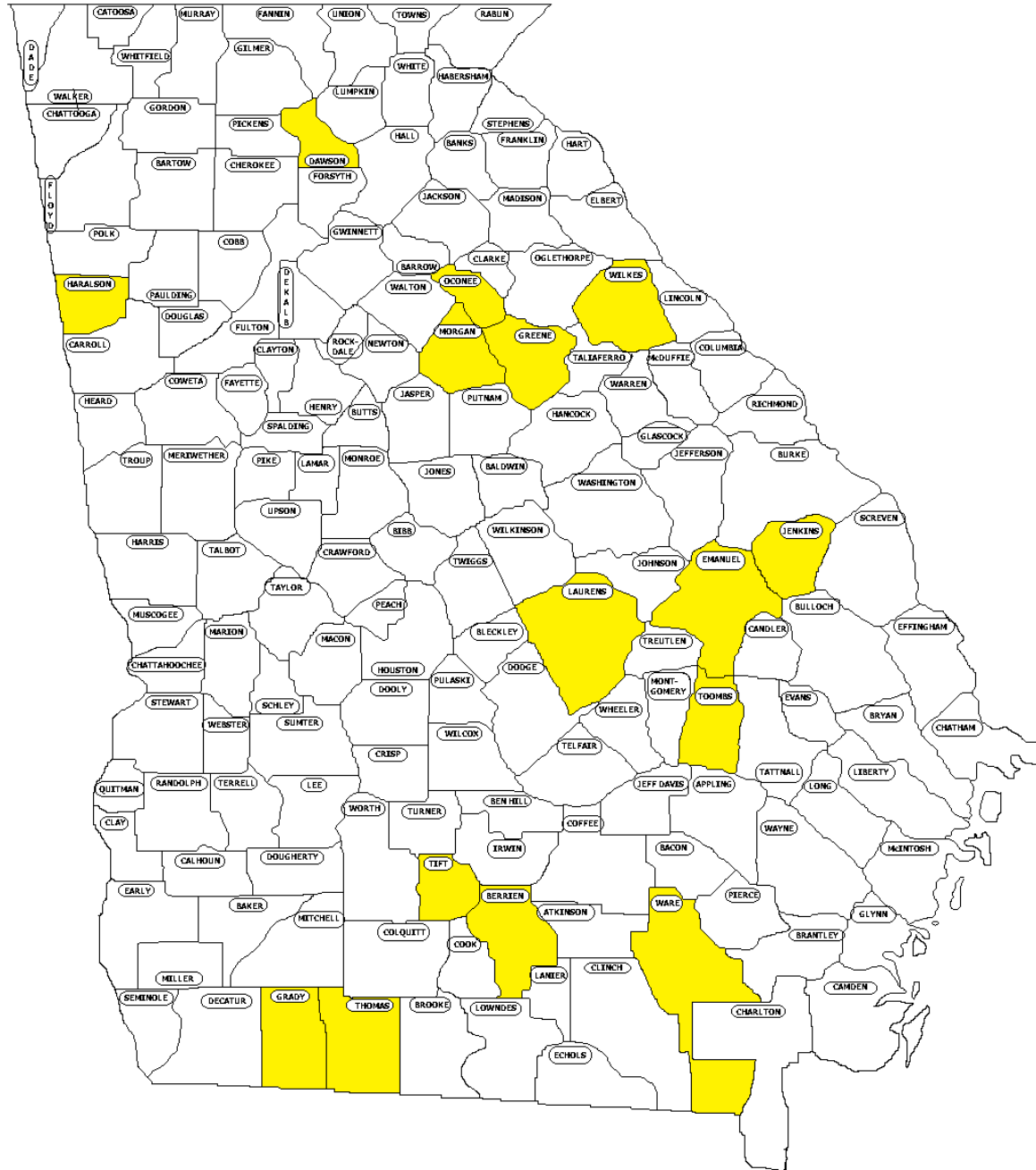
Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Ivey Allen, PA-C	2021, 2020	Thomas	General Surgery
Meghan Benson, PA-C	2021	Dawson	Family Medicine
Kathryn Blevins, PA-C	2021, 2020	Tift	Emergency Medicine
John D. Campbell, PA-C	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Oconee	Emergency Medicine
Melinda B. Cathey, PA-C	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Morgan	Family Medicine
Daniel Dasher, PA-C	2021, 2020	Toombs	Internal Medicine
Jodi Gilmer, PA-C	2021, 2020	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Renah Hightower, PA-C	2021	Laurens	Allergy and Immunology
Archie T. Kirkley, PA-C	2021, 2020, 2019	Toombs	Pediatrics
Ashley E. Long, PA-C	2021, 2020, 2019	Morgan	Family Medicine
Jacob Lunsford, PA-C	2021, 2020	Laurens	Emergency Medicine
Lesley Maples, PA-C	2021	Grady	Family Medicine
Mandy McMillan, PA-C*	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Berrien	Family Medicine
Christopher Mock, PA-C	2021	Thomas	Anesthesiology
Brandi Parker, PA-C	2021, 2020	Haralson	Family Medicine
Roxy Sheffield, PA-C	2021, 2020	Ware	Family Medicine
Erika Smith, PA-C	2021, 2020	Haralson	Family Medicine
Courtney B. Stevens, PA-C	2021, 2020, 2019	Tift	General Surgery
Sera G. Story, PA-C	2021, 2020, 2019	Emanuel	Family Medicine
McKayla Tanner, PA, CAA	2021, 2020	Thomas	Anesthesiology
Jennifer Vincent, PA-C	2021	Greene	Cardiology
Cody Ward, PA-C	2021, 2020, 2019	Wilkes / Jenkins	Emergency Medicine

\*McMillan — \$8,290.21

\*\*Mock — \$7,000.00

# PALRP (continued)

In FY 2021, the Board awarded 22 recipients through the Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program which provided 15 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



# APRNLRP

The **Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner Loan Repayment Program (APRNLRP)** provides service-cancellable loans of up to \$10,000 per year in return for nursing practice in an underserved, rural county in Georgia. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable three times for a maximum of four years and a total award of \$40,000. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. The following individuals were each awarded \$10,000 through the APRNLRP for FY 2021, unless otherwise noted.

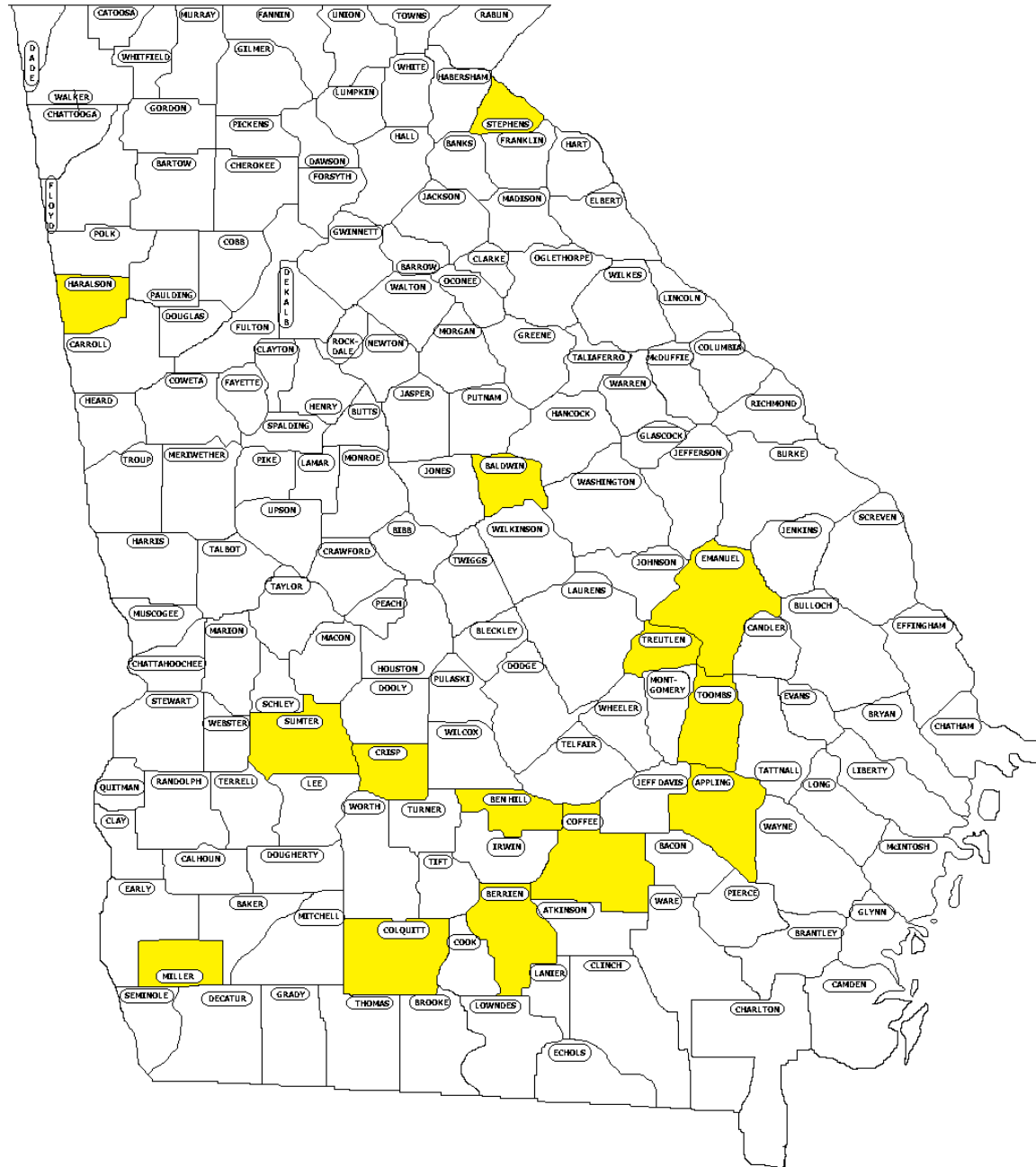
Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Ashley Adams, MSN	2021, 2020	Toombs	OB/GYN
Ashlie Brackin, MSN	2021	Miller	Family Medicine
Sharonda Brown, MSN	2021, 2020	Berrien	Family Medicine
Travis Dobbs, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Stephens	Internal Medicine
Angel Gilreath, MSN	2021, 2020	Treutlen	Midwifery
Merrie Hamby, MSN	2021, 2019, 2018	Stephens	Internal Medicine
Amanda Hobbs, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019	Emanuel / Toombs	Physiatry
Jami Hodges, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Sumter	Pediatrics
Heather Kemp, MSN*	2021, 2020	Sumter	Family Medicine
Megan Kight, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Emanuel	Internal Medicine
Steven Lashley, MSN	2021, 2020	Toombs	Emergency Medicine
Sandra Martin, MSN**	2021	Colquitt	Pediatrics
Jessica Milner, MSN	2021	Baldwin	Psychiatry
Rhonda Oglesby, MSN	2021, 2020	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Lori Pope, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Haralson	Family Medicine
Debbie Purvis, MSN	2021, 2020	Coffee	Family Medicine
Debra Rathbun, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Coffee	Emergency Medicine
Tonya Register, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Ben Hill	Psychiatry
Haley Revell, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Crisp	Urology
Jennifer Taylor, MSN	2021, 2020	Crisp	Oncology
Whitney Walls, MSN	2021, 2020	Sumter	Anesthesiology
Kimberly Williams, MSN	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Appling	Family Medicine

\*Kemp — \$7,389.97

\*\*Martin — \$7,000.00

# APRNLRP (continued)

In FY 2021, the Board awarded 22 recipients through the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Loan Repayment Program which provided 14 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.





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Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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