

# Alabama Chapter

INCORPORATED IN ALABAMA

American Academy of Pediatrics

DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN®



19 S. Jackson St.  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334/954-2543  
Fax: 334/269-5200  
E-mail: [llee@alaap.org](mailto:llee@alaap.org)  
<http://www.alaap.org>

## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release • October 5, 2022

Media Contact: Linda Lee, 334-954-2543

### Ernest begins two-year term as president of statewide pediatrics society

MONTGOMERY— Nola Jean Ernest, MD, PhD, FAAP, a community pediatrician in Enterprise, Ala., began her term on Oct. 1, 2022 as president of the Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics (AL-AAP), an 850-member statewide society of pediatricians.

She is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency at Vanderbilt University. She is currently practicing as a primary care pediatrician with Enterprise Pediatric Clinic, one of the five multi-specialty pediatric clinics that comprise the Dothan Pediatric Healthcare Network.

Before her two-year tenure as AL-AAP vice president/president-elect, Dr. Ernest served the organization and the children of Alabama for a number of years as Legislative Chair and Early Career Physician representative. She also has worked at the AAP national level, representing the AAP's District X on the executive board of the Section on Early Career Physicians. She has played a strong role in the Chapter's advocacy for children, especially across social media platforms as well as leading legislative advocacy efforts in the last five years.

In addition, she has served as a physician lead/champion in the child quality improvement collaboratives.

She accepted the president's gavel at the AL-AAP's 2022 Annual Meeting, held September 9-11, marking the beginning of her two-year term.

"With the help of our strong and diverse Executive Board members, as well as our members from across the state who are passionately involved in specific child health initiatives, I plan to build on the Chapter's long-time role in advocating for improvements in health conditions for Alabama's children," she said. "In order to have the greatest impact for the children of Alabama, I will, like my predecessors, serve as an expert resource for lawmakers and those involved in negotiating state policies that affect some of the most vulnerable of Alabama's citizens."

At home, Dr. Ernest enjoys spends time with her husband Trent and sons William, age 23, Caden, 16, and Jacob, 10.

#### Officers

##### President

Nola Jean Ernest, MD, PhD, FAAP  
526 Boll Weevil Circle  
Enterprise, AL 36330  
334/308-1166  
Fax: 334/308-1019  
[nola.ernest@gmail.com](mailto:nola.ernest@gmail.com)

##### Vice President

Norma Mobley, MD, FAAP  
6321 Piccadilly Square Drive  
Mobile, AL 36609  
251/342-8900  
Fax: 251/342-2333  
[drmobley@mobilepeds.com](mailto:drmobley@mobilepeds.com)

##### Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth N. Dawson, MD, FAAP  
1300 US Hwy 231 S  
Troy, AL 36081-3058  
334/566-7600  
Fax: 334/566-9181  
[enelso71@gmail.com](mailto:enelso71@gmail.com)

##### Immediate Past President

L. Katrina Skinner, MD, FAAP  
19087-B Greeno Road  
Fairhope, AL 36532  
251/928-5568  
Fax: 251/928-2605  
[katski@bellsouth.net](mailto:katski@bellsouth.net)

##### Executive Director

Linda P. Lee, APR