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Sports medicine physician recognized as part of conference's Medical Guidance Task Force

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Dr. Marshall Crowther, medical director and sports medicine physician for Ole Miss Health and Sports Performance, is among the winners of this year's Southeastern Conference Michael L. Slive Distinguished Service Award. Photo by Joshua McCoy/Ole Miss Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The medical director and sports medicine physician for **Ole Miss Health and Sports Performance** is among the members of the **Southeastern Conference's** Return to Activity and Medical Guidance Task Force who were named recipients of the conference's Michael L. Slive Distinguished Service Award on Wednesday (June 2).

Dr. Marshall Crowther is the **University of Mississippi's** appointee to the task force, a group of volunteer medical professionals appointed by each of the SEC's member universities that provided guidance as the conference conducted intercollegiate athletics competition during the 2020-21 academic year.

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey announced the award.

"Individually and collectively, the leaders serving on the Conference's Medical Guidance Task Force are deserving of this recognition," Sankey said. "Each contributed an incredible amount of time and effort to lend their expertise as we worked to meet the many challenges associated with developing policies and protocols supporting the healthy return to competition throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Because of their efforts, thousands of SEC student-athletes have been able to participate in their chosen sports, compete for championships and create lifelong memories with their teammates that otherwise may have never been possible without the contributions of these talented individuals."

As the conference office began to monitor and learn about COVID-19 and associated public health information following the cancellation of the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament in March 2020, the task force was formed in early April 2020. It was charged with providing guidance necessary to make decisions related to the return to athletics activities for SEC student-athletes and to assist in the conference's collaboration with colleague conferences in supporting the safe and healthy conduct of athletics competitions.

Besides Crowther, members of the task force are:

- Dr. Jimmy Robinson, University of Alabama, head team physician and medical director
- Dr. Kent Hagan, University of Arkansas, orthopedic surgeon/team physician

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- Dr. Zoë Foster, University of South Carolina, program director, Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship
- Dr. Chris Klenck, University of Tennessee, head team physician
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- Dr. Wame Fitch, Vanderbilt University, associate professor of emergency medicine, associate professor of orthopedics

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The Michael L. Slive Distinguished Service Award is presented on special occasions to former student-athletes, coaches, graduates or administrators of SEC institutions or the conference office who have maintained a lifetime of interest in college athletics and who, over a significant period of time, have exhibited superior leadership qualities and made a significant impact to the betterment of the conference mission.

"These health professionals collectively and uniquely embody the spirit of this special award," Sankey said. "The expertise, experience and knowledge they provide continues to support our institutions in their focus on the health and well-being of SEC student-athletes during a year of uncertainty.

"We are proud to honor them with the Michael L. Slive Distinguished Service Award."

The task force began meeting by video conference in April 2020 to review and discuss information associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. They identified protocols related to on-campus meetings and workouts, out-of-season activities and skill instruction, and other practice activities for student-athletes and coaches, and opportunities for a healthy return to competition, including considerations for student-athletes, administrators, support staff, officials and fans.

The Michael L. Slive Distinguished Service Award is named for the former conference commissioner, who was named the first winner of the award upon his retirement in 2014. The award was subsequently named in his honor.

Michael L. Slive Distinguished Service Award Winners

2014 – Michael L. Slive – SEC commissioner

2017 – SEC Pioneers of Integration (Nate Northington, Wilbur Hackett, Houston Hogg, Greg Page – Kentucky football; Perry Wallace and Godfrey Dillard – Vanderbilt basketball)

2018 – Archie Manning – Ole Miss football/baseball

2021 – SEC Return to Activity and Medical Guidance Task Force

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