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Walkable Communities Expert, Christian Football Great to Address Alabama Public Health Association Educational Conference April 8-9

Dan Burden, an internationally recognized authority on bicycle and pedestrian-friendly urban design, will be the keynote speaker for the Alabama Public Health Association's 54th Annual Health Education Conference April 8-9 at the Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel and Conference Center at Grand National.

Burden will discuss some of the best communities being developed today - communities for people, not just cars. He has spent the past 38 years developing, promoting and evaluating active, equitable and balanced transportation systems and sustainable communities.

A former National Geographic photographer, Burden once led a bicycling expedition from Alaska to Argentina. Burden founded six nonprofits (five are still operational) including Bikecentennial (now Adventure Cycling) and, along with his wife and 30 others, worked with 90 governmental agencies to develop the longest recreational trail in the world - the 4,300 mile-long TransAmerica Bicycle Trail.

Today Burden has launched a new nonprofit, The Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, Inc., which focuses on training and supporting the leaders that will engage town makers and town making to rebuild the world's most important villages, towns and cities.

Closing the conference will be inspirational speaker and football great Jeremiah Castille, executive director of the Jeremiah Castille Foundation. Castille holds numerous University of Alabama football records, played on the 1979 National Championship team and was pall bearer for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's funeral.

A professional football player with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Denver Broncos, he was ordained as a minister in 2001, and served as assistant football coach and head track coach at Briarwood Christian High School in Birmingham from 1995-2002.

The vision of the Jeremiah Castille Foundation is to "Invest, influence, impact and inspire lives so they will rebuild and restore generations." He has been married to his wife Jean, for more than 20 years. They are the proud parents of six children; Tim, Simeon, Leah, Rachel, Caleb and Danielle.

"We are very pleased to have such renowned and interesting speakers to highlight the conference," President Stacey Adams said. "We encourage anyone interested in advancing public health to attend."

Other conference topics include the toll of tobacco, stress management, grant sustainability, health care reform, HIV, health disparities, immunization, psychological first aid, effective communication and the Strategic Alliance for Health Program.

The Alabama Public Health Association is an association of individuals and organizations interested in public health in Alabama which links individuals and organizations in addressing public health issues. Conference registration and a description of the association are available at www.alphassoc.org.