



“Dr. Hansbrough is so nice; he saved my mom’s life.” “Dr. Hansbrough — he saved my life.” These are typical of the many positive comments received from his patients through the years.

Seldom is there a discussion involving Dr. Randall Hansbrough when comments don’t turn to his outstanding clinical skills as “a lung doctor” at Graves Gilbert Clinic and his passion as a teacher.

There is a lot that goes into having a rich and rewarding career as a physician, and Dr. Hansbrough has done it all. In addition to his physician clinical talents, Dr. Hansbrough was President of Graves Gilbert Clinic when decisions were made to expand the Clinic and build the Nashville Road facility. His leadership talents are ever present in the many committees and activities he is involved in.

Outside of his clinical duties, his second biggest passion has been teaching. Because of that dedication, Dr. Hansbrough was awarded *Hughes and Coleman Hometown Hero* 5 years ago. Since it’s best to hear directly from those he taught, reference the *Hometown Hero* article link and comments from some of his students below.



Photo & excerpt from 2018 WBKO Article: [Hughes and Coleman Hometown Hero: Dr. James Randall Hansbrough](https://www.wbko.com/content/news/HOMETOWN-HERO-Dr-James-Randall-Hansbrough--480261273.html)
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“For inspiring students for the last 30 years, using his practice as a place for others to grow in their education, and taking extra time to care for both patients and students, we honor Dr. James Randall Hansbrough as this week’s Hughes and Coleman Hometown Hero.

Dr. Hansbrough serves as the Medical Director of the Respiratory Therapy Program at Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKYCTC). He also runs his own private practice as a physician at **Graves Gilbert Clinic**, working as a Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine doctor.

"He wants to teach, he loves to teach, and wants us all to do our best," says Elizabeth Motsinger, a student in the Respiratory Therapy Program at SKYCTC.

"He's made an impact in the area not only with the school, but with the overall health of the surrounding communities," adds Ken McKenney the program's Director of Clinical Education.

"Over 400 respiratory therapists have graduated this program during Dr. Hansbrough’s leadership

Current students not only have in-class lessons at SKYCTC, but under the teachings of Dr. Hansbrough, they also get real-life experience in the field.

"We see his patients that are in the hospital, and then we'll go to his office at Graves Gilbert and see out-patient appointments with him," explains Mallory McIntire, a student at SKYCTC.

"They get insight into how to interact with physicians, you know, what a physician’s day is like," "Dr. Hansbrough is very intelligent. I feel like he knows everything," says Motsinger.

"We actually do a big 20 page paper with him," explains Whitney Sullivan, another student in the program.

"It's a lot, but I learned a lot during that, so that was definitely helpful," adds McIntire, who is getting ready to graduate in May.

Students say when they go on rounds with Dr. Hansbrough, it's not only technical skills they learn, but it's also how to interact with patients on a personal level.

"In the future, as I start working as a respiratory therapist, I hope that I can know my patients and communicate and show them how much I care, just like Dr. Hansbrough does," says Motsinger.

"He's just really welcoming and wants you to learn everything you can," adds McIntire.”



After 30 wonderful years, **Dr. Hansbrough will be retiring on June 30, 2023.** The challenge we have at Graves-Gilbert Clinic is how does an organization replace an icon?

Physician recruitment is a difficult endeavor. As of this date we have not identified physicians who would do justice to the high standards set by Dr. Hansbrough. In addition, Dr. Martin Sanchez will be leaving on June 15, 2023 and moving to Pennsylvania. As a result, we will temporarily close our pulmonology department until we can identify and recruit talented pulmonologists to fill the gap left by these transitions.

Our recommendation at this time is for you to meet with your primary care physicians and evaluate treatment options.

“On behalf of Graves Gilbert Clinic, I would like to thank Dr. Randall Hansbrough for all of his efforts and contributions to the community that he loves and has dedicated his career to” said J. Christopher Thorn, Chief Executive Officer.

Please join us in wishing Dr. Hansbrough a wonderful and well deserved retirement.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Thorn", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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