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“Celebrating Achievement” is being played on Denny Chimes today in honor of University of Alabama theatre professor Seth Panitch.

[Seth Panitch](#)

Panitch’s first full, feature-length film, “Service to Man,” was awarded the grand jury prize for best film at the 20th American Black Film Festival. “Service to Man” was the only university-produced film in the festival. The film was one of 25 selected to be showcased at the festival, which is the largest of its kind in the country. The festival is dedicated to bringing awareness of entertainment content made by and about people of African descent to a worldwide audience, according to its website.

“Service to Man” was nominated for best screenplay, best direction and best film. It premiered alongside films such as comedian Kevin Hart’s “Central Intelligence.”

Panitch, who is head of the Master of Fine Arts Acting Program in the department of theatre and dance, said the film is loosely based on his father’s experiences as one of the first white students at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1968.

Please congratulate Professor Panitch on his outstanding accomplishment.

When you hear “Celebrating Achievement” played on the chimes today at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., please stop for a moment to celebrate success.