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Inaugural Class Selected for First Health Professions Education Academy

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine has announced the selection of the inaugural members of its recently launched National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators (NAOME). The NAOME was designed to develop a community of outstanding osteopathic medical educators who have met rigorous standards of academic scholarship. Each Academy Fellow is inducted for a five-year period, during which the individual serves as a leader and mentor for academic scholarship in the osteopathic medical education profession.

The NAOME is the first national health professions education academy and is modeled after the Baylor College of Medicine's Academy of Distinguished Educators.

The first class of Fellows, listed below, was selected following a rigorous application and selection process, including the training of selectors and oversight of the selection process by Nancy Searle, EdD, Director, Baylor Academy of Distinguished Educators, and Convenor, AAMC Academies Collaborative. Visit the [AACOM web site](#) for information on NAOME. [Click here](#) for information on the selection process.

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The following inaugural members will be inducted into the NAOME at AACOM's Awards Banquet on Friday, April 17, 2009, during the association's Annual Meeting.

- Timothy J. Barreiro, DO**, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Hershey S. Bell, MD**, Associate Dean, Faculty Development and Evaluation, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Neal R. Chamberlain, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology/Immunology, A.T. Still University/Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Michael B. Clearfield, DO**, Dean, Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine – California
- Edward P. Finnerty, PhD**, Professor of Physiology/Pharmacology, Des Moines University – College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Barbara M. Kriz, PhD**, Associate Dean for Preclinical Education, Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine – California
- Michael L. Kuchera, DO**, Director, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Research, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Luke H. Mortensen, PhD**, Assistant Dean Faculty Development, Des Moines University – College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Donald J. Sefcik, DO**, Senior Associate Dean, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Patricia S. Sexton, DHEd**, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Community and Preventive Health, A.T. Still University/Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
- James Gregory Troll, MD**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine – California
- Roberta A. Wattleworth, DO**, Chairperson, Department of Family Medicine, Des Moines University – College of Osteopathic Medicine

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) was founded in 1898 to support and assist the nation's osteopathic medical schools, and to serve as a unifying voice for osteopathic medical education. AACOM's mission is to promote excellence in osteopathic medical education, in research and in service, and to foster innovation and quality among osteopathic colleges to improve the health of the American public.