Awards

AACOM Annual Awards Banquet 2015

April 24, 2015
Presented to
Konrad C. Miskowicz-Retz, PhD, CAE
Past Associate Vice President of Accreditation
American Osteopathic Association

The William D. Miller Award is named for William D. Miller, DO. This award is presented each year on behalf of the AACOM Board of Deans. Recipients of this award are nominated and selected in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the osteopathic profession. Konrad C. Miskowicz-Retz, PhD, CAE, has served the osteopathic profession for more than three decades. Throughout his 32 years of service in the osteopathic medical community, Dr. Miskowicz-Retz’s work has exemplified devoted leadership, and his many contributions proved instrumental to the progress and present success of the DO profession.

Dr. Miskowicz-Retz has been a long-standing member and leader of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). On April 1, 2015, he retired from his position as AOA Associate Vice President of Accreditation after 26 years. Over the course of his career, Dr. Miskowicz-Retz also served as the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) Secretary, the correspondent to the U.S. Secretary of Education from 1996-2015.

Prior to assuming his position as the AOA AVP of Accreditation in September 2004, he served as Director of the Department of Education and was a member of the National Task Force on CME Provider/Industry Collaboration from 1996-2004. Throughout that period, he was responsible for external representation of the AOA to education-related entities, principal support to AOA task forces on education issues, and liaison with the AOA Department of Government Relations on matters related to higher education.

Dr. Miskowicz-Retz completed postdoctoral study in the Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and in the Department of Neuroscience at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and received his PhD in pharmacology from the University of Iowa. Dr. Miskowicz-Retz received the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) in June 2004. He is a current member of the Association Forum of Chicagoland, and a member and regional affiliate of the ASAE.
PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE ROBERT A. KISTNER AWARD

2000  Eileen DiGiovanna, DO
2001  Ward E. Perrin, DO
2002  Benjamin L. Cohen, DO
2004  Paul Peter Koro, DO (posthumously)
2005  Jordan J. Cohen, MD
2006  Ronak R. Blanck, DO
2008  Gary L. Slick, DO
2009  Marc B. Hahn, DO
2010  Stephen C. Shannon, DO, MPH
2011  Philip C. Stlocum, DO

AACOM LEADERSHIP AWARD
The Robert A. Kistner Award

Presented to
Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, CS
Dean, Professor of Internal Medicine
Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

The Robert A. Kistner Award is named for Dr. Kistner, who served at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine for 25 years. This award is presented each year on behalf of the AACOM Board of Deans. Individuals who receive this award are nominated and selected in recognition of their significant contributions to osteopathic medical education (OME) throughout their careers. Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, CS, has served as an inspirational leader in OME for many years. Her dedication to the advancement of the osteopathic medical profession and her passion for osteopathic medical education has earned her national recognition in the form of awards and appointments, and has solidified her place as an important fixture in the OME community.

Dr. Nichols has served in a number of distinguished positions for various organizations and institutions in osteopathic medicine. She previously served as Dean at the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University (AZCOM/MWU), and is the present Dean of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University (CCOM/MWU) serving since 2002. Dr. Nichols has received numerous awards including the first Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association Physician of the Year Award, Physician of the Year Award from the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Association, and the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association. As a graduate of the Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCU-COM), she is the 2012 recipient of the KCU-COM Alumna of the Year Award, a Distinguished Services awardee of the KCU-COM Alumni Association, and holds an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from that same institution.

From 2010-2011, Dr. Nichols was elected as the first woman President of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). She is the first woman to have served as President of the Arizona Medical Association and President of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Dr. Nichols is also one of the two first DOs, ever, elected to the ACGME Board of Directors, which she currently serves on. Dr. Nichols is currently serving as Secretary to the Institute of Medicine of Chicago Governing Board, and is also a member of both the Osteopathic International Alliance Board, and the AOA Board of Trustees. Dr. Nichols is the founding chair of the AOA End of Life Care committee and by invitation, she frequently speaks nationally on leadership, end-of-life care, and outreach issues for osteopathic medicine.
The National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators (NAOME) is a community of outstanding educators who have met standards of academic scholarship that have resulted in meaningful change at the developer’s institution.

Each peer-selected Academy Fellow is inducted to serve a five-year term, during which the individual serves as a leader and mentor for academy scholarship and excellence within the osteopathic medical education community.

2015 NAOME Inductees

New Fellows

Stephen S. Davis, PhD
Director, Faculty Development
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

Margaret Lechner, MS, RN
Associate Professor & Director of Assessment
Midwestern University, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

Machelle Linsenmeyer, EdD
Associate Dean and Associate Professor
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Emeritus Fellow

India Broyles, EdD
Professor of Medical Education and Director of Master of Science in Medical Education Leadership
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

Renewal Fellowships, 2015-2020

Matthew K. Henry, PhD
Associate Professor, Physiology & Pharmacology
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Diane R. Karius, PhD
Director, Human Patient Simulations, and Associate Professor of Physiology
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

SOCIETY OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL EDUCATORS INNOVATION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

The Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators (SOME) confers Innovation in Medical Education Awards in recognition of specific educational innovations that have resulted in meaningful change at the developer’s institution.

Diversity Redefining Education and Medicine - LGBT Curriculum

Patricia S. Sexton, MS, DHEd
Associate Dean of Curriculum, NAOME Fellows Chair
A.T. Still University Kirsksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

Implementing Embedded Assessment of Psychomotor Student Performance in Osteopathic Education and Research

Sherry Jimenez, EdD
Assistant Dean for Educational Development
Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

New Fellows

Swapan K. Nath, PhD
Professor of Microbiology
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine - Bradenton

Stacey Pierce-Taloma, DO, MS
Assistant Clinical Faculty, Program Director, Co-Course Director OCS II
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

Emeritus Fellow

India Broyles, EdD
Professor of Medical Education and Director of Master of Science in Medical Education Leadership
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
Presented to
Danielle Maholtz
Osteopathic Medical Student
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Student DO of the Year (SDOY) Award provides the opportunity for each of the U.S. colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) to recognize a student that goes above and beyond in their commitment to osteopathic medicine (OM). A National SDOY is chosen from among the SDOY nominees on the basis of their service to their COM and community, leadership experience, and dedication to the osteopathic profession. In recognition of the outstanding student who exemplifies the ideals and values of osteopathic medicine and the profession—leadership, commitment to community service, dedication to the profession, professionalism, and embodiment of the osteopathic philosophy—the 2015 National SDOY Award was given to Danielle Maholtz, a fourth-year osteopathic medical student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).

Ms. Maholtz has displayed true dedication and leadership in OME as a recipient of several awards and distinctions, including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Student Award, the AOA 2014 Honor Roll: Guardians of the Profession, the PCOM Foundation Scholarship, and the PCOM Student Organizations Council Unsung Hero Award.

Presented to
Jacob John Triplet
Osteopathic Medical Student
Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine

The National Student Researcher of the Year (SROY) Award recognizes osteopathic medical students with highly competitive experiences and advancement in clinical, translational, or basic science research. Osteopathic medical student researchers are nominated for the SROY Award by each COM, from which the national winner is chosen. The national awardee is selected based on the student’s contributions to osteopathic research that align with the mission of both the osteopathic profession and COSGP—to advance the philosophy, practice, and science of osteopathic medicine.

The 2015 National SROY recipient, Jacob J. Triplet, is a third-year medical student at the Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM). Mr. Triplet, the very first National SROY, was selected unanimously from over 40 highly-qualified applicants. The SROY Award highlights an osteopathic medical student researcher that has been influential in advancing osteopathic medicine. Mr. Triplet has displayed significant scholarly research experience and contributions within osteopathic medicine, with a specific focus in clinical and orthopedic medicine. As NSU-COM’s 2013-14 Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, he was able to experience clinical research first-hand. Through his fellowship, Mr. Triplet was able to begin presenting his research. He now plans to apply and conduct medical research in his future practice as an osteopathic physician and in his pursuit of a career in orthopedic surgery.
OUTSTANDING MEDICAL EDUCATION RESEARCH POSTER
AND PRESENTATION AWARD

The AACOM Outstanding Medical Education Research Poster and Presentation Award is presented to the individual whose poster and presentation submission is found to achieve the highest standards of professional, scientific, and educational rigor. After a preliminary assessment of submitted abstracts, five finalists are selected for extended peer-review. Each finalist entry is then critically evaluated in its entirety by NAOME Fellows and other professional designees to determine the awardee.

Among the criteria for assessment are: quality of content and delivery; collaborative involvement; comprehension of concepts; portability and transferability of results; use of resources, references, and citations; scientific and educational rigor; use of technology; overall appearance and design; and the oral presentation.

OUTSTANDING ADVANCEMENT IN
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL EDUCATION AWARD

Presented to
Nova Southeastern University
College of Osteopathic Medicine
“Art, Medicine, and Observation”
Dianna Silvagni, JD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medical Education

The Outstanding Advancement in Osteopathic Medical Education Award was developed this year by the COSGP, allowing students to recognize their osteopathic medical schools for making a robust and durable change within their curriculum or for having instituted a novel and successful program. The award provides students with the opportunity to distinguish their schools’ exceptional efforts to advancing OME in accordance with the osteopathic philosophy.

The 2015 Outstanding Advancement in Osteopathic Medical Education Award winner is Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM) for their program “Art, Medicine and Observation,” developed by Dianna Silvagni, JD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medical Education at the college. The program aims to better train students in techniques for observing patients through examining artwork. It includes a virtual program called “Second Life” in which students build an avatar to guide them into a permanent collection of the Museum of Art, as well as other art forms, and then into a virtual clinic where they apply their observations. The 2015 Award is given to NSU-COM in honor of its programmatic achievements in advancing the osteopathic medical education of its students.

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EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

AACOM’s Excellence in Communications Awards are presented annually in honor of the outstanding marketing, media relations, public education, writing, and design efforts of the nation’s colleges of osteopathic medicine.

BEST IN SHOW
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
“Heritage College Dublin Opening Celebration Video”

BEST MAGAZINE
First Place
The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

Second Place
Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Honorable Mention
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST ANNUAL REPORT
First Place
Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

Second Place
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST WEBSITE
First Place
Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

Second Place
Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine

Third Place
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST RECRUITMENT PIECE
First Place
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

Second Place
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

Third Place
Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine

Honorable Mention
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST RECRUITMENT PIECE
First Place
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

Second Place
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

Third Place
Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine

Honorable Mention
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
BEST SOCIAL MEDIA
First Place
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Second Place
Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST VIDEO/PODCAST
First Place
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Second Place
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine
Third Place
Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST NEWSLETTER
First Place
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Second Place
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Third Place
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
First Place
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Second Place
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST ADVERTISING
First Place
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

BEST FEATURE STORY OR ARTICLE
First Place
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Second Place
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Honorable Mention
Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

OTHER
First Place
Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine
Second Place
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Honorable Mention
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

THANK YOU TO OUR 2014 AACOM EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS JUDGES
Judging for the 2014 AACOM Excellence in Communications Awards program was performed by several AACOM staff members, along with special guest judges Sandra M. Remey, MA, APR, President, Remey Communications, LLC; and Ulf Wallin, Ulf Wallin Photography.