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2016 Annual Conference

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Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine
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.

John G. Rocovich, Jr., saw the need for physician care when representing Appalachian workers in his early law practice. In the early 1980s, Rocovich and his wife, an osteopathic doctor, wanted to answer this need by establishing an osteopathic medical school. During this time he became the exclusive legal and financial advisor of Marion Bradley Via. This relationship benefitted multiple academic and charitable projects, and would initiate the creation of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine.

When VCOM opened in 2001, he became a founding Chairman of the Board. As an integral influence at VCOM, Rocovich has expanded their global presence by personally championing osteopathic medicine in locations such as El Salvador and Honduras. In 2007 he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities and letters degree from VCOM for his vital involvement at the school.

John G. Rocovich, Jr., has been Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2001 to present. His firm continues to perform the legal work for VCOM.
Mitchell D. Forman, DO
Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Robert A. Kistner Award is named for Dr. Kistner, who served at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine for 26 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. Mitchell D. Forman, DO, has been a driving force behind the successful launch and growth of multiple medical education endeavors.

Mitchell D. Forman, DO, is an osteopathic physician and the Founding Dean and Professor of Medicine at Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine since 2004. In November 2013, The American College of Physicians (ACP) voted to elect Dr. Forman to Mastership in the American College of Physicians. He is the past President of the Clark County Medical Society and immediate past President of the Nevada State Medical Association. He is a Founding Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Dr. Forman is currently the Founding Dean and Professor of Medicine at Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine. He recently announced his retirement as Dean in order to pursue his clinical practice in Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases at Touro University Nevada full-time.
AACOM Leadership Award
The Dale Dodson Award

Stephen C. Shannon, DO, MPH
President, CEO
American Association of the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

Created in memory of AOA past President and osteopathic medical education innovator Dale S. Dodson, DO, this annual award recognizes a current or past CEO or Chief Academic Officer (CAO) of an osteopathic medical college who has made significant contributions to the advancement or support of osteopathic medical education.

Stephen C. Shannon, DO, MPH, has been President of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) since January 2006. Prior to assuming this position, he served as Vice President for Health Services and Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of New England since 1995. He served as Chair of the AACOM Board of Deans from July 2003 to June 2005.

In addition to receiving the prestigious Dale Dodson Award, Dr. Shannon has received the New York Institute of Technology Riland Public Service Award in 2011, the AACOM Robert A. Kistner Award in 2010, the Dan Hanley Memorial Trust 2003 Leadership Award in 2003 and the Finance Authority of Maine’s Distinguished Service Award in the Field of Higher Education in 2002.
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.

**Innovation in Osteopathic Medical Distinctiveness Award**

COAR: Clinical Skills, Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, Anatomy, Radiology

**Stacey Pierce-Talsma, DO, MS**
Associate Professor, Director OMM Clinical Integration
TUCOM-CA

**Joel Talsma, MS**
Anatomy Instructor, TUCOM-CA

**Innovation in Ideas Carried Through from AACOM Annual Conference Award**

Utilizing Patient Morning Rounds to Observe Preclinical Medical Students’ Clinical Reasoning

**Neal R. Chamberlain, PhD**
Professor, Department of Microbiology/Immunology, ATSU-KCOM

**Patricia Sexton, DHEd**
Associate Dean for Curriculum
ATSU-KCOM

**Matthew R. Hardee, DO**
Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine
ATSU-KCOM

**Robert. W. Baer, PhD**
Professor, Department of Physiology
ATSU-KCOM
The National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators (NAOME) is a community of outstanding educators who have met rigorous standards of academic scholarship. Each peer-selected Academy Fellow is inducted to serve a five-year term, during which the individual serves as a leader and mentor for academic scholarship and excellence within the osteopathic medical education community.

New Fellows, 2016-2021

Jennifer A. Fischer, PhD  
*Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine*

Schoen W. Kruse, PhD  
*Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine*

Sharon Obadia, DO  
*A.T. Still University-School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona*

Leslie Wimsatt, PhD  
*Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine*

Mark R. Speicher, PhD  
*Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University*
National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators

Renewal Fellowships, 2016-2021

Evelyn Schwalenberg, DO, MS
Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

John Graneto, DO, MEd
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

Craig A. Canby, PhD
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
AACOM Osteopathic Health Policy Internship
National Student DO of the Year Award

Timothy Micah Lemaire
Osteopathic Medical Student
A.T. Still University-School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona

The National SDOY Award is presented each year to one osteopathic medical student who demonstrates superior leadership capabilities, robust research experience, a strong commitment to community service, and an embodiment of the osteopathic philosophy. This year’s National SDOY is Timothy Micah Lemaire, osteopathic medical student at the A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (ATSU-SOMA). Mr. Lemaire has displayed true dedication to service and strong leadership in OME as the 2016 Student Body President, among the many other roles he has held throughout his educational career.
National Student Researcher of the Year Award

Jonathan N. Perkins
2LT, U.S. Army
Osteopathic Medical Student
Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University

The National Student Researcher of the Year (SROY) Award recognizes an osteopathic medical student researcher with highly-competitive experiences in clinical, translational, or basic science research, and who has been influential in advancing osteopathic medicine. The 2016 National SROY is Jonathan N. Perkins, 2LT, U.S. Army, osteopathic medical student at the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University (AZCOM/MWU). Second Lieutenant Perkins has given numerous presentations on his extensive research on otolaryngology, and his work has been published in several scientific journals.
Outstanding Advancement in Osteopathic Medical Education Award

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Student Mental Health Committee”

Celia Guro, PhD and Alyse Ley, DO

The Outstanding Advancement in Osteopathic Medical Education Award was developed last 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 2016 Outstanding Achievement in Osteopathic Medical Education Award winner is Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine for its Student Mental Health Committee (SMHC), developed by Celia Guro, PhD and Alyse Ley, DO. The program was created to increase awareness of and address the stigma surrounding mental health. The goal of the program is to develop a safe and supportive community for medical students and faculty by providing them with appropriate resources and education to contribute to improved mental self-care.
Outstanding Medical Education Research Poster and Presentation Award

Lecture Capture Technology, Student Attendance, and Academic Performance

Uzoma S. Ikonne, PhD, ATSU-SOMA
Anna Campbell, PhD, ATSU-SOMA
Kate Whelihan, MPH, ATSU-SOMA
Joy H. Lewis, DO, PhD, ATSU-SOMA

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; collaborate 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.
**Best Magazine**

**First Place**
Midwestern University

**Second Place**
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Third Place**
Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Honorable Mention**
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Best Annual Report**

**First Place**
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences

**Second Place**
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Best Recruitment Piece**

**First Place**
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences

**Second Place**
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Third Place**
Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Best Website**

**First Place**
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Second Place**
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
**Best Social Media**

First Place
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

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

Third Place
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Honorable Mention
Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Best Video/Podcast**

First Place
Midwestern University

Second Place

**Best Newsletter**

First Place
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Best Fundraising Campaign**

First Place
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
**Best Advertising**

**First Place**  
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Second Place**  
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Third Place**  
Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Best Feature Article**

**First Place**  
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Second Place**  
Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Third Place**  
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

**Other**

**First Place**  
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Second Place**  
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Third Place**  
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Honorable Mention**  
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Thank you to our 2016 Excellence in Communications Awards judges!
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 college of osteopathic medicine.

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Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine
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