

It was truly One Magical Night!



## One Magical Night

On October 6, members of the Osteopathic profession came together at the AOF 2023 Honors Gala to celebrate outstanding professionals throughout the entire Osteopathic community. At the heart of this gathering was the theme "One Magical Night," encapsulating the energy and brilliance of the event.

Our event witnessed an incredible turnout, with over 650 enthusiastic attendees joining us both in person and virtually. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of sponsors, individual supporters, and Raise the Paddle/Mission Moment donors, we were able to raise more than \$800,000! These funds will play a pivotal role in funding numerous educational scholarships, research grants, international humanitarian outreach efforts, and community service programs.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for making this magical night a remarkable success and for your unwavering support of our mission.

## Mission Moment



Osteopathic professionals who venture to underserved corners of the globe possess a unique ability. They can transcend international divides, reminding us all that, at our core, we are human beings with shared hopes, fears, and dreams.

This year's Raise the Paddle, benefitting from a matching gift fund created by generous donors, brought in over \$150,000 for the newly established DOCARE International Fund at the Foundation.

The money raised will allow the AOF to continue providing micro-grants to cover travel expenses for global medical outreach, ensuring that exemplary care reaches underserved communities.

[Watch the Video](#)

## Meet the Awardees

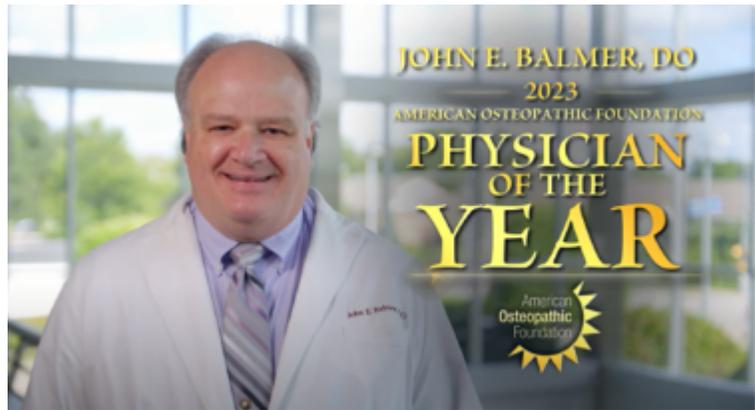
Take a look at this year's online [Tribute Book](#) which includes the many exceptional individuals honored during the event and enjoy videos of several of this year's award winners below and on our [Foundation News](#) page.



The American Osteopathic Foundation was proud to recognize [Karen J. Nichols, DO](#) as the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient.

The AOF [Lifetime Achievement Award](#) is given to individuals who have made substantial and enduring contributions to Osteopathic medicine and have shown unwavering dedication to its principles and practice over their lifetime.

The American Osteopathic Foundation was pleased to recognize [John E. Balmer, DO](#) as the 2023 Physician of the Year.



The AOF [Physician of the Year Award](#) is presented to an individual whose extraordinary accomplishments and service bring a sense of pride to the Osteopathic profession, and whose actions promote the science of medicine and the betterment of public health.



The American Osteopathic Foundation was pleased to recognize [Thomas J. Mohr, DO](#), as the 2023 Educator of the Year.

The AOF [W. Douglas Ward, PhD, Educator of the Year Award](#) is presented to an individual who emulates the profession's highest standards of excellence in teaching and is passionate about Osteopathic

medicine making a significant impact on the academic advancement of students.

## Photos are in!

We are happy to share with you the photos from the event on our [Flickr account](#). Feel free to download the images you'd like to keep or share.



[View the Gala photos](#)

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Thank you for being a part of this memorable evening and for your dedication to advancing the Osteopathic community.

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