

HUMAN Touch

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I am pleased to bring you the spring edition of Human Touch, the Foundation's newsletter for our Osteopathic friends and supporters.

This issue contains information on our recently-opened scholarships, grants, and awards cycle as well as a spotlight on the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Osteopathic Medicine Fellowship and its five dynamic recipients. It also has helpful planned giving information (including a free tool!) and a first look at our 2023 Honors Gala plans - with a request to help make it a record-breaker!

Now in our 74th year of supporting the profession, the Foundation Board and Staff are looking forward to joining in the National Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week celebration, which begins on April 17. It is a time when we shine a spotlight on our amazing profession and strive to increase awareness of Osteopathic medicine and DOs in communities across the country. I hope you find your own ways to join in the celebration.

Thank you for all you DO!

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ESTABLISHING A VISION FOR THE PROFESSION

After 18 months of planning, preparation, and participation from leaders across the Osteopathic medical profession, the Foundation is ready to launch the Project Future Impact Forums.

The forums will be centered around four topics - Professional Identity, Education, Research, and Clinical Practice - and will include representation from the entire profession in establishing a vision for the future of Osteopathic Medicine.

We are grateful for the expertise and experience of so many in our profession that has brought us to this point and we look forward to sharing the forum outcomes later this year.

2023 SPRING CYCLE NOW OPEN

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Scholarships, the cornerstone of the Foundation, provides resources that help support, encourage, and empower Osteopathic medical students through various stages in their academic journey. This year, we have increased the individual award amounts of several of our scholarships, as well as the number of awards available, as a way of furthering our commitment to the success of our Osteopathic medical students.



Left to right - 2022 William G. Anderson, DO Scholarship Recipient, Nancy Githere (MUCOM), 2022 Golden Ticket Winner, Janelle Torres (NSU KPCOM), and 2022 AOA/AOF Presidential Memorial Leadership Award recipient, Samaneh Bolourchi (TUCOM)

SIMPLIFYING THE PROCESS

To improve user experience, we have segmented our programs into three categories:

Self-apply awards - deadline May 8

- William G. Anderson, DO, Minority Scholarships
- Jeffrey Grove, DO, LGBTQ+ Pride Scholarship
- Levine Osteopathic Family Medicine Resident Scholarship
- Karen J. Nichols, DO, LEAD Scholar

Nomination awards - deadline May 15

- Physician of the Year
- W. Douglas Ward, PhD, Educator of the Year

COM/SOM Nomination awards - deadline May 8 & May 15

- Golden Ticket Scholarships (5/8)
- AOF/AOA Presidential Memorial Leadership Scholar (5/8)
- Sterling Welch, DO Scholars Grants (5/8)
- AOF/AAOA Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Awards (5/15)

Visit our website at aof.org/grants-and-programs to learn more about each scholarship, grant, award, and its criteria.

Please contact Tiffanie Tabrizi, Director of Programs, Scholarships, and Awards, at ttabrizi@aof.org if you have any questions, and thank you in advance to all of the nominators and individuals providing references for this year's applicants and nominees.

NOMINATE AN OSTEOPATHIC LEADER

PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

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

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The Educator of the Year Award is presented to an individual who emulates the Osteopathic profession's highest standards of excellence in teaching, has made a significant impact on the academic advancement of Osteopathic medical students, and has made long-standing contributions to the profession in the academic arena.

Deadline for both awards: May 15, 2023
aof.org/grants-and-programs



AOF Immediate Past-President, Barbara Ross-Lee, DO (L) and 2022 W. Douglas Ward, PhD, Educator of the Year Award recipient, Natasha Bray, DO, MSEd, Dean OSUCOM-CN (R)

SPOTLIGHT: NAM Fellows

FURTHERING OSTEOPATHIC EXCELLENCE

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Fellowship in Osteopathic Medicine was established in 2014 through the vision and financial support of the American Osteopathic Foundation, the American Osteopathic Association, and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, to enable talented, early-career health science scholars to participate actively in health- and medicine-related work of the National Academies and to further their careers as future leaders in the field.

The fellowship, which includes a flexible research grant of \$25,000, is awarded for a two-year term. Fellows participate actively in the work of a research-focused study committee or roundtable and contribute to its reports or other products.

This experience introduces Fellows to a variety of experts and perspectives, including legislators, government officials, industry leaders, executives of voluntary health organizations, scientists, and other health professionals.

NAM OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE FELLOWS AND RESEARCH FOCUS

Current Fellow: R. Sterling Haring, DO, MPH

Dr. Haring is a pain physician in rural Georgia and a DrPH student at Johns Hopkins, where he studies policies aimed at reducing morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdose.

2020-2022: Julieanne P. Sees, DO, MPH, FAOA, FFAOS

Dr. Sees is an AOA board-certified Osteopathic orthopedic surgeon with dual fellowship training in pediatric orthopedic surgery and neuro-orthopedic surgery. During her fellowship, she led research to inform the medical community about COVID-19's impact on child safety and other public health issues.

2018-2020: Michelle Kvalsund, DO, MS

Dr. Kvalsund, a global health neurologist and assistant professor at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, used the opportunity to pursue and strengthen global health initiatives.

2016-2018: Jennie H. Kwon, DO, MSCI

Dr. Kwon, an assistant professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, helped write a report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine that offered recommendations for decreasing the cost of prescription drugs without hindering innovation in drug development.

2014-2016: Creagh Milford, DO, MPH, FACOI

Dr. Milford, now Senior Vice President of Retail Health at CVS Health, was the inaugural NAM Osteopathic Medicine Fellow. Dr. Milford's research focused on population health advancements.

"The Fellowship is an incredible opportunity to learn how to transform evidence-based research into actionable recommendations that will improve public health."

JENNIE KWON, DO

"I was fortunate to work side-by-side with the best health policy experts in the country. Access to the NAM staff, leadership, and Board members afforded me insight into the most challenging health care policy topics facing our nation."

CREAGH MILFORD, DO

"At the NAM, for any topic, we have the advantage of multi-disciplinary scholars partnering on a national level, and with my colleagues of the NAM Emerging Leaders Forum and Brain Injury Committee, we are collaborating even more broadly to create an impactful health report for public awareness and health policy."

JULIANNE SEES, DO

PLANNED GIVING

CREATING A LEGACY

Throughout the years, legacy gifts have enabled the Foundation to fund programs that have benefited hundreds of Osteopathic students, residents, fellows, physicians, and faculty.

In gratitude for your ongoing support of the Foundation and the Osteopathic profession, we are continuing our underwriting of a free, online estate planning tool that can help solidify your legacy through the creation of a will in under 20 minutes.

To access this tool and other, helpful planned giving information, visit aof.org/giving/planned-giving.

For additional information please contact Terry Sanders, Director of Development at 312.202.8230 or send an email to tlsanders@aof.org.

2023 HONORS GALA

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS REQUESTED

We're already planning for this year's Honors Gala, taking place in Orlando, FL at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort and virtually on Friday, October 6.

To make it a rousing success, we're putting a call out for silent auction items.

Such as:

- A week or weekend at a vacation property
- A show or concert package
- Bucket list experiences
- Gadgets, gizmos, and anything tech is always welcome!



Please reach out to Terry Sanders at 312.202.8230 or send an email to tlsanders@aof.org if you'd like to contribute an item.

CELEBRATING NOM WEEK

APRIL 17-23, 2023

National Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week is a national observance dedicated to spotlighting the Osteopathic medical profession and raising awareness about the distinctiveness of Osteopathic medicine.

THANK A DO!

During NOM Week, take the opportunity to pay tribute to a DO who has impacted your life as part of the American Osteopathic Association's #ThankaDO campaign. Be sure to use #ThankaDO and #NOMWeek on your social media posts.

GOLD SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY

We're excited to share that we have once again earned a Gold Seal of Transparency from Candid!

The official seal recognizes philanthropic organizations that demonstrate a deep commitment to transparency, accountability, and inclusivity, and that operate from a position of strong financial health.



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