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# American **Osteopathic** Foundation

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## DEANS' DIGEST

From the President-Elect  
Barbara Ross-Lee, DO



Greetings!

As President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Foundation and former Dean of three Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, I am pleased to present our second issue of ***Deans' Digest***. This quarterly e-newsletter, specifically curated for Deans, focuses on timely Foundation news. I hope you find it informative and useful.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barbara Ross-Lee, DO".

Barbara Ross-Lee, DO  
President-Elect, American Osteopathic Foundation

## **AOF Rossnick International Humanitarian Grants Feedback Survey**



This fund, established in 2006 through a bequest from Julian and Esther Rossnick, enables AOF to administer individual, supplemental travel grants in various amounts to help pay for airfare for

Osteopathic medical students (II-IV), as well as Osteopathic residents, fellows, and physicians, who have been invited to join an international humanitarian medical trip.

The goal of the grant is to alleviate some of the financial burden associated with international travel; while simultaneously educating, inspiring, and empowering members of the Osteopathic profession to participate in humanitarian medical outreach trips that have an immediate, as well as long term, impact on the patients they will serve.

**In 2020, due to the State Department's "do not travel outside the US" advisory, the AOF suspended distributions from the Rossnick International Humanitarian Grants program.**

During this time, we are taking time to review, refine, revise and improve the program.

**Toward that end, we invite you – our colleagues and partners -to provide critical information that will further guide our process and inform our decisions.**

[Take Survey](#)

## **Nominate a Student for the AOF Sterling Welch, DO Scholars Grant**

Made possible through a bequest from Sterling Welch, DO, this grant program provides monetary aid to one student annually from each College or School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Students should be nominated by their COM/SOM based on their significant financial need, academic achievement, participation in volunteer service-orientated activities, and strong commitment toward Osteopathic medicine.

**Review the [nomination requirements](#) and [FAQs](#) and submit your College/School's nomination by September 30.**

Please contact [Leticia Terry](#), Director of Programs, Scholarships, and Awards, if you have any questions.

## **Student Spouses Recognized for Unwavering Support**



Presented in partnership with the [Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association](#) (AAOA), the [AOF/AAOA Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award](#) honors the married life partners of graduating osteopathic medical students who best exemplify the type of immeasurable support and personal sacrifice that is crucial to their partner's success.

Each College or School of Osteopathic Medicine and/or branches can nominate an individual to receive the award annually, which is presented in concert with graduation ceremonies.

This year, we were pleased to participate with 28 Colleges and Schools of Osteopathic Medicine to present this award to worthy recipients. **Our goal for 2022 is 100% participation!**

The nomination portal will be open in late February/early March next year. Please contact [Leticia Terry](#) if you have any questions.

# The 2021 Honors Gala

Thank you for your outpouring of support for the 2021 AOF Honors Gala!

We are currently **SOLD OUT**.

We are working behind the scenes to squeeze in extra tables and are also working on several virtual opportunities so that no one will miss this exciting event!



We'll be sharing ways to participate virtually in the upcoming weeks. So stay tuned.

## Recognize Your Winners!

This year we received nearly 300 nominations for our spring scholarships, grants, and awards!

While it is always a daunting task to select the winners, we know each nominee is encouraged and inspired by the time you took to advance their nomination. **Thank you for supporting your students, time and again!**

All winners are being notified this week, and as Dean, you will be copied on communication regarding your school's students.

There are several opportunities for your school to recognize award recipients, whether they are students or graduates, in this year's digital Tribute Book. Please email [Terry Sanders](#), Director of Development for more information.



If you have questions about grant and scholarship eligibility, please reach out to **Leticia J. Terry**, Director of Programs, Scholarships & Awards.



Questions about technical support requests? Please contact **Gina Gottlob**, Director of Internal and External Affairs.



To explore opportunities for strategic partnerships, please contact **Rita Forden**, CEO.



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