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HUMAN Touch



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Welcome to the August 2021 edition of HumanTouch! In this issue, we showcase some of the 2021 Award recipients (more to come!), share details of the upcoming Honors Gala, offer up some exciting donor news, share highlights from our participation in the AOA House of Delegates Annual Meeting, link to recent grants and scholarship openings...and so much more!

THE 2021 HONORS GALA

The 2021 Honors Gala is currently SOLD OUT!

We're working with the hotel to adjust the floor plan and may be able to add a few additional sponsor tables. If you'd like to be placed on a first-come, first-served waiting list, please email [Terry Sanders](#), Director of Development.

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

Many thanks to [this year's sponsors!](#)



2021 AOF/AAOA DONNA JONES MORITSUGU MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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's recipients (listed by school):

A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona - Valerie Finlay, partner of Evan Finlay

Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine - Rachel Pope, partner of Spencer Pope

Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine - Olivia Parmley, partner of Jacob Parmley

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine - Ben Martinez, partner of Megan Martinez

Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Meghan Gee, partner of Zachary Gee

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Virginia - Jessica Ewen, partner of Riley Ewen

Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Meredith Rose Sommers, partner of Adam Sommers

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Maria Hanelin, partner of Tristan Daniel Cooper-Roth

Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine - Jessica Isaacson, partner of Graham Isaacson

New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic - Medicine - George Yassa, DO, partner of Mirette Atnas

New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine – Arkansas - Tylis Mays, partner of Derika Mays

Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine - Allison Richards, partner of Chad Richards

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine - Savannah Daniels, partner of Devin Daniels

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences - Taleesa Crawford, partner of Benjamin Crawford

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine - Brie Shaw, partner of Ian Montgomery Shaw

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine - Eshe Shaw, partner of Kareen Shaw



Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine - Rachel E. McDougal, partner of David Tan McDougal

Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine-CA - Connor Dragomanovich, partner of Hannah Dragomanovich

University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine - Harmony Elizabeth Caton Stratton, MD, MPH, partner of Samuel Stratton

University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine - Dorothy Morris, partner of John Morris

University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine - Kelly Feng, partner of Marc Nichols

Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (CA) - Jordan G. Moran, partner of Hardeep Singh

Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific – Northwest (OR) - Jordan Jacobs, partner of Justin Jacobs

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Stephanie Hall-Campos, partner of Zachery Campos

SOMA FOUNDATION INTEGRATION

The AOF is pleased to now be serving as the Student Osteopathic Medical Association Foundation's (SOMAF) fiscal sponsor. The AOF will oversee its administrative and financial activities and assist with the advancement of marketing and fundraising efforts, to meet SOMAF growth and sustainability goals.

This recent integration will significantly foster SOMAF's development, deepening mission impact **while remaining student-serving, student-governed, and student-focused.**

[\[read the press release\]](#)



"Our missions are well-aligned, and we look forward to working with this dynamic group of thought leaders to build a lasting and positive future together."

- Rita Forden, AOF CEO



DR. JEFFREY GROVE RECEIVES AOA'S HIGHEST HONOR



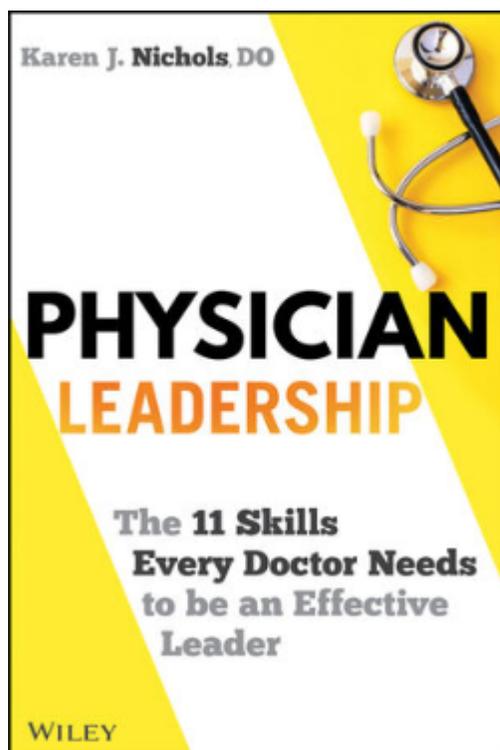
AOF Board President, Dr. Jeffrey S. Grove, was recently presented the AOA Distinguished Service Award during the AOA House of Delegates Annual Meeting. [\[view the presentation\]](#)

The distinguished service certificate is the AOA's highest honor. The award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in the advancement of the science and art of Osteopathic medicine, education, philanthropy, and other fields of public service. Read more about Dr. Grove's outstanding contributions to the field in a recent write-up in [The DO](#).

Congratulations Dr. Grove!!!

**BOOK ROYALTIES
SUPPORTING LEAD SCHOLAR
AWARD PROGRAM**

AOF DONORS



Dr. Karen Nichols is no stranger to the AOF. She established [The Karen J. Nichols, DO, LEAD Scholar Award](#) with us in 2013 and the award is presented annually to an Osteopathic medical student whose Leadership, Excellence, Achievement, and Dedication are proven in the classroom and community.

In her new book, [Physician Leadership: The 11 Skills Every Doctor Needs to be an Effective Leader](#), Dr. Nichols delivers a "concise guide for busy physicians doing their best to successfully lead people and organizations."

Dr. Nichols is generously contributing 100% of all book royalties to the AOF Karen J. Nichols, DO, LEAD Scholar Fund, building on the legacy of leadership she is so well known for.

The book is available for [pre-sale now](#).

**CARING FOR
COMMUNITIES**

**SPECIAL FUNDING
INITIATIVES**

The Foundation has opened its application process for patient-centered, direct care programs.

[AOF COVID-19 Patient Care Support Grants](#)

One-time grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 will be distributed to Osteopathic physicians or qualifying 501(c)(3) health centers for a grant period of 12-18 months to support specific patient-

centered COVID-19-related health care needs.

[AOF Strategic Collaboration Initiative Request for Proposals](#)

Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 will be distributed to 2-4 qualified 501(c)(3) health centers per year for a maximum of three consecutive years. The program or project must directly benefit patients, address a critical need, be able to measure impact, and align with one of the Foundation's strategic initiatives of Community Impact.

Deadline: September 20, 2021

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

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS
AND AWARDS

FALL CYCLE

The Foundation is now accepting applications for our fall scholarships and grants! Do you qualify? Visit our [website](#) to learn more about each scholarship or grant and its criteria.

Education

[AOF Edward & Joanne Loniewski Merit Scholarship](#) (self-apply, deadline September 20)

[AOF Prairie State Scholarship](#) (self-apply, deadline September 20)

[AOF Thomas A. Quinn, DO, Osteopathic Scholarship](#) (self-apply, deadline September 20)

[AOF Sterling Welch, DO, Scholars Grant](#) (nomination from COM/SOM representative, deadline September 30)

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AOF IN BRIEF

- The AOF was pleased to report on its activities at the recent AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates Annual Meetings. The report, provided by Board President, Dr. Jeffrey Grove, can be [viewed here](#).
- Dr. Grove also presented a bronze bust of A.T. Still on behalf of the American Osteopathic Foundation to outgoing AOA Board Chair, Thomas Ely, DO, which can be [viewed here](#).
- The AOF 2020 Annual Report was recently released. We invite you to [take a look](#) if you haven't already.

HELP MAKE AN **IMPACT**

With the exponential growth of the osteopathic profession comes tremendous opportunity for the American Osteopathic Foundation to build and multiply its impact and we welcome you to play a part. Whether a one-time gift, annual donation, or a planned gift, your **contribution** will benefit thousands of osteopathic medical professionals and have a tremendous impact on the osteopathic community. **Consider making a donation.**

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