New program

AΩA Fellow in Leadership Award

At its annual meeting in October 2013, the AΩA Board of Directors approved an AΩA leadership award and development program to be implemented in 2014.

Leadership has long been a core value of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, and is one of the criteria for membership. Unfortunately, many AΩA members with leadership potential or leadership experience at mid-level positions may find themselves without the resources to advance their careers. We believe this is a lost opportunity for medicine.

How can AΩA as an interdisciplinary honor medical society best support and contribute to leadership promotion and development as part of our mission and one of our core values—"to improve care for all by encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community"?

The AΩA Fellow in Leadership Award will recognize and support further development of outstanding leaders exemplifying the qualities of leading from within, the society's professional values, and the concepts of servant leadership. The five essential components of the program are: 1) Self-examination, the "inward journey," leading from within; 2) a structured curriculum focused on topics related to leadership, including an understanding of the relationship between leadership and management; 3) mentors and mentoring; 4) experiential learning to broaden the perspective and understanding of leadership as it relates to medicine and health care; 5) team-based learning and developing communities of practice.

Mid-career physicians providing outstanding leadership in organizations in medicine and health care, including schools of medicine, academic health centers, community hospitals, clinics, agencies, or organizations, with a high promise for future success and contribution are eligible to apply. The proposed nominees must be members of AΩA.

For information about the AΩA Fellow in Leadership Award, please see our web site: http://alphaomegaalpha.org/leadership.html.