

2014 Postgraduate Awards

In 2011, the board of directors of Alpha Omega Alpha established the Postgraduate Award to encourage and support AOA residents or fellows from programs or institutions with an active AOA chapter or association to pursue a project in the spirit of the AOA mission statement. Project applications were accepted in the categories of:

1. Research: Support for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research.
2. Service: Local or international service work, focusing on underprivileged or immigrant populations or those in the developing world, as well as patient and population education projects.
3. Teaching and education: Research, development, or implementation of education academic curricula, with the focus on postgraduate education.
4. Leadership: Leadership development.
5. Humanism and professionalism: Projects designed to encourage understanding, development, and retention of traits of humanism and professionalism among physicians, directed to physicians in postgraduate training.

Ten applicants received \$2000 awards to support their work. The recipients of the 2014 awards are:

Tyler Albert, MD

University of Washington School of Medicine
Project category: Teaching and education
Mechanical ventilation training curriculum for critical care residents in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
T. Eoin West, MD, mentor

Paige Armstrong, MD

George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Project category: Research
The effect of self-reported limited English proficiency on patient care and satisfaction in the emergency department
Melissa McCarthy, ScD, mentor

Caitlin Demarest, MD

Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Project category: Research
Development of a pulmonary assist device for chronic lung disease and pulmonary hypertension
Keith E. Cook, PhD, mentor

Neha Gupta, MD

University at Buffalo State University of New York School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
Project category: Research
Implementation of a palliative care screening tool in a genitourinary oncology clinic and assessment of its impact on volume of palliative care referrals, improvement in patients' symptom burden and satisfaction: A quality improvement project
Roberto Pili, MD, mentor

Cara Liebert, MD

Stanford University School of Medicine
Project category: Teaching and education
Interdisciplinary simulation-based crisis resource management training curriculum for general surgery and anesthesia residents
James N. Lau, MD, mentor

Robert McGarrah III, MD

Duke University School of Medicine
Project category: Research
Identification of clinical characteristics and metabolic pathways linking insulin resistance and cardiovascular disease
Svati Shah, MD, MS, mentor

Akshithkumar Mistry, MD

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Project category: Research
Probing glioblastoma heterogeneity to expose cellular and molecular predictors of therapy response using novel flow- and mass-cytometry based assays
Rebecca Ihrle, PhD, mentor

Joshua Palmer, MD

Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University
Project category: Research
Glioblastoma multiforme outcomes, toxicity and patterns of failure based on radiation therapy treatment volumes
Maria Werner-Wasik, MD, and Jing Li, MD, PhD, mentors

Deepali Tukaye, MBBS, PhD

Ohio State University College of Medicine
Early remote ischemic conditioning provides cardioprotection in NSTEMI
Subha Raman, MD, mentor

Lisa VanWagner, MD

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Project category: Research
Derivation and validation of a cardiac risk index in liver transplantation
Donald Lloyd-Jones, MD, ScM, mentor

Marjorie Sirridge, MD **1921–2014**

Pharos Editorial Board member Dr. Marjorie Sirridge died on July 30, 2014. Dr. Sirridge was one of the founding faculty members of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. She is one of the women physicians profiled on the National Library of Medicine's Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians web site. Read more about Dr. Sirridge here: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/changingthefaceofmedicine/physicians/biography_296.html.

Dr. Sirridge (AOA, University of Kansas, 1943) was appointed to the editorial board of *The Pharos* in 1997 and served until shortly before her death. We will miss her insightful reviews and her unfailing willingness to serve. The note from her son informing us of her death included this observation: "I am sure she would have liked to review one more article! That was her nature."