

2012 Edward D. Harris Professionalism Award

The Board of Directors of Alpha Omega Alpha is pleased to announce the winner of the 2012 Edward D. Harris Professionalism Award. The award emphasizes AOA's commitment to its belief that professionalism is a crucial facet of being a physician, a quality that can be both taught and learned. Originally named the AOA Professionalism Fellowship, the award was renamed in 2010 to honor the late Edward D. Harris, the longtime executive director of the society. Applications were open to medical schools with active AOA chapters or associations. Faculty who have demonstrated personal dedication to teaching and research in specific aspects of professionalism that could be transferred directly to medical students or resident physicians were encouraged to apply for these funds.

The winner of the 2012 Edward D. Harris Professionalism Award is:

Anthony Back, MD
Professor, Division of Oncology,
Department of Medicine, University
of Washington School of Medicine

Professionalism is central to training physicians who can meet the challenges

of medical care that the United States currently faces. Responding to these challenges, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has recognized that training programs must develop methods that enable physicians in training to "develop a therapeutic relationship with patients and families," and "use verbal and non-verbal skills," while acting with "integrity and honesty," "accept[ing] responsibility," and "act[ing] in the best interest of the patient." The ACGME has recently identified "the ability to run a family meeting" as a milestone for postgraduate residents that requires them to combine communication and professionalism in complex clinical situations that require integration of communication skills with professional integrity, honesty, and nonabandonment. Over the past decade, with funding from the National Cancer Institute, we have developed a small group learning method for trainees that demonstrates behavior change, and developed a faculty train-the-trainer program that improved teaching behaviors by faculty and improved communication outcomes by learners. In this proposal we aim to disseminate this evidence-based



train-the-trainer facilitation model by developing a novel video-based train-the-trainer intervention that will improve learner communication behavior by using the family conference as a focal point.

2012 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.

Eight applicants received \$2000 awards to support their work. The recipients of the 2012 awards are:

Julie Balch Samora, MD (AOA, West Virginia University, 2009)

The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Project category: Teaching and education
Microsurgery Instruction in an Orthopaedic Residency
Ryan D. Klinefelter, MD, mentor
Sheryl A. Pfeil, MD, councilor

Steven Bishop, MD (AOA, University of Virginia, 2010)

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System
Project category: Teaching and education
Team-Based Learning in In-Patient Ward Teams: Does It Improve Resident Learning?
Stephanie A. Call, MD, MSPH, mentor
Gordon L. Archer, councilor

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Michael O'Neill, MD (AΩA, Temple University, 2009)

University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami, Department of
Diagnostic Radiology
Project category: Research
*Follow-up Yttrium-90 Internal Pair Production PET/CT Imaging in
Patients with Primary or Metastatic Liver Tumors as Compared
with Brehmsstrahlung Imaging: A Prospective Case Series*
Jason Salsamendi, MD, mentor
Alex J. Mechaber, MD, councilor

Andrew Ross, MD (AΩA, Oregon Health & Sciences University, 2009)

University of Vermont College of Medicine
University of Vermont, Fletcher Allen Health Care
Project category: Research
Benefits of a Pre-Natal Ultrasound Program in Rural Uganda
Kristen DeStigter, MD, mentor
Jeffrey Klein, MD, councilor

Shawna Ruple, MD (AΩA, Michigan State University, 2010)

University of South Carolina School of Medicine
Greenville University Hospital Systems
Project category: Research
*A Pilot Study Comparing the Pregnancy Rate of Clomifene Citrate
and Raloxifene in Infertile Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Patients*
Bruce Lessey, MD, PhD, mentor
Joshua T. Thornhill IV, MD, councilor

Mary Temple Sale, MD (AΩA, Marshall University, 2010)

University of New Mexico School of Medicine
Project category: Research
Improvement for Contraceptive Access in Methadone-Using Women
Tony Ogburn, MD, mentor
Tony Ogburn, MD, councilor

Noam VanderWalde, MD (AΩA, University of Maryland, 2009)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine
Project category: Research
*Utility of the Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment in Predicting
Tolerance to Radiation Therapy in Older Adults with Cancer: A
Prospective Blinded Study*
Bhishamjit S. Chera, MD, mentor
Amelia Drake, MD, councilor

Breelyn Wilky, MD (AΩA, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 2005)

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Project category: Research
The Role of RNA Helicase DDX3 in Ewing's Sarcoma
David M. Loeb, MD, PhD, mentor
Peter E. Dans, MD, councilor

2011/2012 Visiting Professorships

Beginning in 2002, Alpha Omega Alpha's board of directors offered every chapter and association the opportunity to host a visiting professor. Sixty-seven chapters took advantage of the opportunity during the 2011/2012 academic year to invite eminent persons in American medicine to share their varied perspectives on medicine and its practice.

Following are the participating chapters and their visitors.

ALABAMA

University of Alabama School of Medicine
Stephanie D. Reilly, MD, councilor
Victor Strasburger, BA, MD, University of New Mexico School of Medicine
University of South Alabama College of Medicine
T. J. Hundley, MD, FACP, councilor
Molly Cooke, MD, University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

ARKANSAS

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine
C. James Graham, MD, councilor
Kevin Krane, MD, Tulane University School of Medicine

CALIFORNIA

Loma Linda University School of Medicine
Sarah M. Roddy, MD, councilor
Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
University of California, Davis, School of Medicine
Regina Gandour-Edwards, MD, councilor
Jerome Hoffman, MD, FACEP, University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine

University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine

Neil H. Parker, MD, councilor

David Skorton, MD, Weill Cornell Medical College

University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

Sue Carlisle, MD, councilor

David Irby, PhD, University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

Stanford University School of Medicine

Charles G. Prober, MD, association chair

Bob Kocher, MD, Venrock

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Alan G. Wasserman, MD, councilor

Jonathan Himmelfarb, MD, University of Washington School of Medicine

FLORIDA

University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

Alex J. Mechaber, MD, FACP, councilor

Michael Krasner, MD, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

USF Morsani College of Medicine

Patricia J. Emmanuel, MD, councilor

George Karam, MD, Earl K. Long Medical Center

GEORGIA

Emory University School of Medicine

Thomas C. Pearson, MD, DPhil, councilor

Talmadge King, MD, University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Health Sciences University
Clarence Joe, DMD, MD, councilor
George Beller, MD, Cardiovascular Research Center, University of Virginia

Morehouse School of Medicine
Frances J. Dunston, MD, MPH, councilor
James Hildreth, MD, University of California, Davis, School of Medicine

HAWAII

University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine
Jill Omori, MD, councilor
Stephen Bergman, MD, PhD, Harvard Medical School

ILLINOIS

Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
John A. Robinson, MD, councilor
Amber Cooper, MD, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine
University of Chicago Division of the Biological Sciences The Pritzker School of Medicine
Adam Cifu, MD, councilor
Thomas Fisher, Jr., MD, University of Chicago Division of the Biological Sciences The Pritzker School of Medicine

INDIANA

Indiana University School of Medicine
Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD, councilor
Ora Pescovitz, MD, BMSc, University of Michigan Medical School

IOWA

University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine
Christopher Cooper, MD, councilor
James Armitage, MD, University of Nebraska College of Medicine

KANSAS

University of Kansas School of Medicine
Steven Simpson, MD, councilor
Colonel Dana Windhorst, MD, United States Air Force

LOUISIANA

Tulane University School of Medicine
Russell W. Steele, MD, councilor
Mark Kline, MD, Baylor College of Medicine
Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport
Jeffrey German, MD, councilor
Russell Chesney, BA, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans
Peter M. C. DeBlieux, MD, councilor
Michael Fleming, MD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans

MARYLAND

University of Maryland School of Medicine
Donna Parker, MD, Gary D. Plotnick, MD, Yvette Rooks, MD, councilors
Catherine DeAngelis, MD, MPH, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine
Robert Goldstein, MD, councilor
David Harlan, MD, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Charles Flexner, MD, councilor
Charles S. Bryan, MD, MACP, Director of the Institute of Internal Medicine and Family Practice Providence Hospitals, University South Carolina School of Medicine

MASSACHUSETTS

Tufts University School of Medicine
Amy L. Lee, MD, FAAFP, councilor
Joia Mukherjee, MD, MPH, Harvard Medical School
Boston University School of Medicine
Phyllis L. Carr, MD, councilor
Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, Indiana University School of Medicine

MICHIGAN

Michigan State College of Human Medicine
E. James Potchen, MD, councilor
John Hickner, MD, MSc, Cleveland Clinic
University of Michigan Medical School
Cyril M. Grum, MD, councilor
Tadataka Yamada, MD, Takeda Pharmaceuticals

MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota Medical School
Charles Billington, MD, councilor
Atul Grover, MD, Association of American Medical Colleges

MISSOURI

University of Missouri—Columbia School of Medicine
Nathan Lewis Beucke, MD, councilor
John Birkmeyer, MD, University of Michigan Medical School
University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Medicine
John Foxworth, PharmD, councilor
Betty Drees, MD, University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Medicine

NEBRASKA

Creighton University School of Medicine
William J. Hunter, MD, councilor
Richard Deming, MD, Des Moines University
University of Nebraska College of Medicine
Robert Wigton, MD, councilor
John S. Sergent, MD, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

NEVADA

University of Nevada School of Medicine
William A. Zamboni, MD, councilor
John Pelley, MD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

NEW JERSEY

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—New Jersey Medical School
Robert A. Schwartz, MD, MPH, councilor
Robert Gallo, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine

NEW YORK

Albany Medical College
Neil Lempert, MD, councilor
James Provenzale, MD, Duke Institute for Brain Sciences
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
John C. M. Brust, MD, councilor
Lawrence Tierney, MD, University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine
New York Medical College
William H. Frishman, MD, councilor
David T. Stern, MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

2011/2012 Visiting Professorships

State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine

Douglas R. Lazzaro, MD, FACS, FFAO, councilor

Ian Taylor, MD, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine

State University of New York Upstate Medical University

Lynn M. Cleary, MD, councilor

Rae-Ellen Kavey, MD, MPH, Immediate Past President, AΩA Board of Directors, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

Stony Brook School of Medicine

Jack Fuhrer, MD, councilor

Ann Bonham, PhD, Association of American Medical Colleges

NORTH CAROLINA

Wake Forest University School of Medicine

K. Patrick Ober, MD, councilor

Mark Kline, MD, Baylor College of Medicine

OHIO

Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

Gregory Toussaint, MD, councilor

Peter Boling, MD, Virginia Commonwealth University

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Dennis Lunne, MD, councilor

John Pelley, MD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

OKLAHOMA

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

Craig H. Rabb, MD, councilor

Martin H. Weiss, MD, Keck Hospital of USC

PENNSYLVANIA

Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University

Clara A. Callahan, MD, councilor

David H. Newman, MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Temple University School of Medicine

Amy Goldberg, MD, councilor

Myron Weisfeldt, MD, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

Robert G. Atnip, MD, councilor

David Torchiana, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital

PUERTO RICO

University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine

Humberto Guiot, MD, councilor

Claudia Martorelli, MD, Tufts University School of Medicine

Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Gabriel A. Martinez, MD, councilor

Maruja Santiago, MD, Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences

SOUTH CAROLINA

Medical University of South Carolina

Christopher G. Pelic, MD, councilor

Eric Rosenberg, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital

University of South Carolina School of Medicine

Joshua T. Thornhill IV, MD, councilor

Robert Sabalis, PhD, Association of American Medical Colleges

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sanford School of Medicine The University of South Dakota

Timothy Ridgway, MD, councilor

John Prescott, MD, Association of American Medical Colleges

TENNESSEE

University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine

Owen Phillips, MD, councilor

Arthur L. Kellermann, MD, MPH, FACEP, RAND Corporation

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

John A. Zic, MD, councilor

Antonio M. Gotto, Jr., MD, DPhil, Weill Cornell Medical College

Meharry Medical College

Billy Ray Ballard, MD, DDS, councilor

W. Michael Byrd, Harvard School of Public Health

TEXAS

University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Eugene Boisauvin, MD, councilor

Richard B. Gunderman, Indiana University School of Medicine

Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine

Mark L. Montgomery, MD, councilor

Peter E. Dans, MD, Johns Hopkins University

University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine

Lisa R. Farmer, MD, councilor

Robert Grossman, MD, The Methodist Hospital

VERMONT

University of Vermont College of Medicine

Jeffrey Klein, MD, councilor

John Niparko, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

VIRGINIA

Eastern Virginia Medical School

Leonard Weireter, MD, and Rebecca Caperton Britt, MD, councilors

Adriane Fugh-Berman, MD, Georgetown University School of Medicine

University of Virginia

Mark J. Mendelsohn, MD, councilor

Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD, Indiana University School of Medicine

WASHINGTON

University of Washington School of Medicine

Douglas S. Paauw, MD, councilor

Jo Shapiro, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia University School of Medicine

Melanie Fisher, MD, MSc, councilor

John Prescott, MD, Association of American Medical Colleges

WISCONSIN

Medical College of Wisconsin

James L. Sebastian, MD, councilor

Gary L. Dunnington, MD, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

2011/2012 Volunteer Clinical Faculty Awards

The Alpha Omega Alpha Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award is presented annually by local chapters or associations to recognize community physicians who have contributed with distinction to the education and training of medical students. AΩA provides a permanent plaque for each chapter's dean's office; a plate with the name of each year's honoree may be added each year that the award is given. Honorees receive framed certificates. The recipients of this award in the 2011/2012 academic year are listed below.

CALIFORNIA

University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine
Margaret Chen, MD

GEORGIA

Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Health Sciences University
James Hotz, MD
Morehouse School of Medicine
Douglas S. Ander, MD, FACEP

HAWAII

University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine
John Cogan, MD

ILLINOIS

Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science
Barbara Brotine, MD, FACP
University of Illinois College of Medicine
Michael Werckle, MD

INDIANA

Indiana University School of Medicine
Fred Frick, MD

KANSAS

University of Kansas School of Medicine
Michelle Pope, MD

KENTUCKY

University of Louisville School of Medicine
Jeffrey T. Omer, MD

LOUISIANA

Tulane University School of Medicine
Henry Evans, Jr., MD
Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport
Charles D. Knight, Jr., MD

MARYLAND

University of Maryland School of Medicine
Daneille Robertshaw, MD

MICHIGAN

University of Michigan Medical School
Daryl Tanski, MD

MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota Medical School
Megan McEllistrem, MD

NEBRASKA

University of Nebraska College of Medicine
Mark Woodruff, MD

NEW JERSEY

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—New Jersey Medical School
Roger Harrison Brodtkin, MD
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Barbara Marroccoli, MD

NEW YORK

Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Danielle Milano, MD
New York Medical College
Danny Hirsch-Kauffmann Jokl, MD
New York University School of Medicine
Bruce Raphael, MD
State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine
Alla Shapiro, MD
State University of New York Upstate Medical University
Patsy Iannolo, MD
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Peter Van Brunt, MD
Weill Cornell Medical College
Patricia Yarberrry-Allen, MD

NORTH DAKOTA

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Mathew Iwamoto, MD

OHIO

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Ronna Schneider, MD

PENNSYLVANIA

Drexel University College of Medicine
Robert Massaro, MD
Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University
Matthew J. Burday, DO, FACP
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Deborah Gilboa, MD

SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina School of Medicine
Ada D. Stewart, MD

TENNESSEE

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Timothy Eidson, MD

TEXAS

University of Texas Medical School at Houston
Fernando Levaro Pano, MD
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Southwestern Medical School
Stephen W. Lacey, MD

VERMONT

University of Vermont College of Medicine
Jennie Lowell, MD

VIRGINIA

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
Mitchell Miller, MD, FAAFP

WASHINGTON

University of Washington School of Medicine
Emily Transue, MD

2011/2012 Administrative Recognition Awards

This award recognizes the AQA chapter administrators who are so important to the functioning of the chapter or association. The nomination is made by the councilor or other officer of the chapter. A gift check is awarded to the individual, as well as a framed Certificate of Appreciation.

The following awards were made in 2011/2012:

ARIZONA

University of Arizona College of Medicine
Bonnie Marshall

CALIFORNIA

University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine
Sara Campillo

MINNESOTA

Mayo Medical School
Judith Kaur, MD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
Pauline Moran

NEW YORK

State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine
Carol Wolintz

PENNSYLVANIA

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Erika Miller

PUERTO RICO

Universidad Central del Caribe
Liza Cintron

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sanford School of Medicine The University of South Dakota
Mary Sutter

TEXAS

University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine

Elisabeth Sanders

University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Patricia Caver

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
Southwestern Medical School

Holli Holbert

WASHINGTON

University of Washington School of Medicine
Trish Zander

Help us support student research

What my student research fellowship meant to me

As a first year medical student, I was interested in not only learning the basics of medicine in the classroom but also exploring the many factors that play into health care delivery and access.

The fellowship let me pursue that opportunity to be a “student-researcher,” to examine medicine and health care both in and outside the classroom. It funded research supplies that I used in the field for data collection as well as preparation of numerous abstracts and posters. It funded my travel to both regional and national conferences where I was able to present, defend, and distribute my findings as poster and oral presentations, something I had never done before. The conferences were especially exciting because I could not only share my work with like-minded colleagues, but also meet many people in the field of research, medicine, and global health who I very much admire. Lastly, I was able to fund a submission and therefore publish a first-authored manuscript of my work in the *International Journal of Family Medicine*.

Together, those experiences inspired, challenged, and shaped me profoundly as a student. They gave me skills and confidence to continue to pursue research through my career. In fact, the project I started with the help of the fellowship is still ongoing. We presented my findings to the local government in

Yoro, Honduras, which helped inform changes to our mission that will better target the community health needs. How inspiring to see my research make change in a community’s access to health care! I am planning my next trip to Honduras for this January, to continue expanding on our findings from my last project. This work has shaped my experience in medical school tremendously. I have no doubt it will continue to shape my education and future profession in a positive way, as well.

Kate Pearson

Class of 2014

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

Feedback from students like Ms. Pearson shows us how important it is to support programs like the AQA Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowships. Besides the financial support of your dues, we need volunteers to help us review the dozens of applications we receive each year for the program. If you are qualified to review applications for student research fellowships, please send us an e-mail to info@alphamegaalpha.org. Include a paragraph about yourself and your research interests, and attach your NIH biosketch or equivalent. The fellowship applications are sent to reviewers in February, with a deadline of mid-March.