

# TEN THINGS to know about

# AΩA

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

1. Since 1902, the AΩA mission and motto—**Be worthy to serve the suffering.**—has remained steadfast and true, and been a time honored tradition throughout the profession of medicine.
2. AΩA provides more than **\$2 million annually** to medical school students, faculty, residents, fellows, and private practice physicians through its 13 programs, awards, fellowships, and grants.
3. AΩA is committed to **improving diversity, equity, and inclusion** based on evidence that involvement of talented individuals from different backgrounds benefits patient care, population health, education, research, and scientific discovery.
4. In 2020, the AΩA Board of Directors modernized the Society's **Constitution** to recognize the highest levels of excellence in physicianship, and to support elections that are inclusive, diverse, and equitable.
5. AΩA is committed to **developing physician leadership** and **medical professionalism**, creating tomorrow's physician leaders through a year-long Fellowship.
6. Since 1938, AΩA has published the preeminent, peer-reviewed, quarterly medical humanities journal **The Pharos**, with an online index, and local library, of articles for every issue dating back to the first one.
7. AΩA is one of the only interdisciplinary honor medical societies, **accepting members from all disciplines, practices, specialties, and sub-specialties** of medicine.
8. AΩA has **136 Chapters** in medical schools across the United States, in Puerto Rico, and in Lebanon.
9. Since its inception, AΩA has elected more than **205,000 members**, with more than 130,000 who are active today.
10. **The AΩA National Office** is extremely efficient and effective, with 6 staff conducting the work of the office and producing The Pharos ensuring that 100% of annual dues is returned to the medical community.

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