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The American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) and the ACOFP Board of Governors recognize the following exceptional members for their contributions to the organization and the osteopathic profession.

ACOFP OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



The ACOFP Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year Award honors physicians who have made outstanding contributions to the osteopathic profession and local communities.

Joshua S. Coren, DO, MBA, FACOFP, is the senior associate dean of clinical affairs and a professor of family medicine at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM). Dr. Coren has been the principal investigator for two federal grants focusing on training osteopathic medical students in underserved communities and has worked as the co-director of the International Primary Care Education Alliance, leading efforts to train China's physician workforce in primary care education. In 2018, Dr. Coren was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society at RowanSOM.

Dr. Coren has participated in many ACOFP committees, including serving as the chair of the ACOFP Program Committee in 2016. He is a program director in continuing medical education at the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and is a medical school evaluator on the AOA's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation. In addition to being recognized for his achievements by leading osteopathic medical associations, including receiving ACOFP's Emerging Leader Award in 2010 and ACOFP's Educator of the Year in 2022, Dr. Coren has been voted one of South Jersey Magazine's top physicians by his peers and readers for several years.

2022 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The ACOFP Lifetime Achievement Award honors individuals for career-long service to their patients, osteopathic family medicine and ACOFP.

Donald E. Jablonski, DO, FAODME, FACOFP, has been practicing osteopathic family medicine for over forty years and still practices part time. He began his medical career at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and eventually started a private practice in Ormond Beach, Florida. Shortly after setting up his practice, he was appointed director of medical education at Peninsula Medical Center. Dr. Jablonski left Florida to pursue medical academia and was appointed associate professor of family medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OUCOM). While at OUCOM, he served on several committees including the Student Progress Committee and was the medical education advisor

and chairman of the UR-CQI Committee. In 1997 he was asked to be the CME seminar chairman for the Ohio Osteopathic Association Annual Convention. He also served as chairman of the “Patient Provider Relations Committee” for the Ohio Department of Health. After relocating to North Carolina, Dr. Jablonski became a member of the North Carolina Osteopathic Medical Association (NCOMA) and over the years served as president twice and organized several CME programs. As president of NCOMA he was asked to be on the “Primary Care and Specialty Supply Steering Committee” of the North Carolina Institute of Health. Dr. Jablonski was responsible in forming the North Carolina Society of the ACOFP and served as president and CME director for five years. In 2006, Dr. Jablonski was appointed to the North Carolina Medical Board where he served for six years, and, in 2010, was elected president. Over the past 40 years, Dr. Jablonski has received numerous awards. As a mentor and leader, Dr. Jablonski feels strongly about physician involvement in all aspects of osteopathic medicine, which include lecturing, writing articles for the journals, and political input to various societies as well as participating in leadership within the organizations.

ACOFP DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD



The ACOFP Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award (DEI) recognizes osteopathic family physicians who make significant contributions toward enhancing DEI within the profession, honoring those who have demonstrated behaviors or led initiatives that foster these principles within diverse and underrepresented communities.

Salvatore J. Biazzo, DO, earned his medical degree from Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, where he also served as chief resident. He has been practicing in Las Vegas, Nevada since 2001, providing care to the LGBTQ+ community. He joined the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) in 2007 and currently serves as the senior staff

physician and medical director of the Student Health Center and Faculty/Staff Treatment (FAST) Center. In addition to serving as the senior staff physician and medical director of the FAST, Dr. Biazzo is an adjunct clinical professor of family medicine at Touro University School of Osteopathic Medicine. Addressing the healthcare disparities within the UNLV community, Dr. Biazzo developed the UNLV multidisciplinary Transgender Care Team, which won a University Award for Outstanding Wellness Program in 2022, and he established an ongoing cultural competency training module for the Wellness Center staff. In 2021, he was the recipient of the UNLV Administrative Faculty of the Year Award. A physician member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), Dr. Biazzo has promoted best practices guidelines for LGBTQ+ health care not only at UNLV, but on the state level through his participation in the Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition and the Nevada Gender Affirming Healthcare Project.

ACOFP EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY AWARD



The ACOFP Excellence in Advocacy Award recognizes physicians who have significantly contributed their time and expertise to national healthcare policy issues and is presented in honor of Marcelino J. Oliva Jr., DO, FACOFP *dist.*

Linda F. Delo, DO, FACOFP, is past president of the Florida Society ACOFP and the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) and was honored to receive the FOMA Physician of the Year Award in 2021. She has served on the Bureau of Socioeconomic Affairs (now called CERA or the Council on Economic and Regulatory Affairs) with the American

Osteopathic Association since 2011. Appointed chair of the CERA in 2021, she was recently reappointed through 2025. Dr. Delo has been an active ACOFP member and serves as chair of the Federal Legislative and Advocacy Committee and is on the Practice Management Committee as well. She has served on the physician workforce advisory counsel to the Florida governor since 2015 and is a Florida Blue physician advisor. She has been in private independent practice for over 35 years and has been recognized for leading an NCQA-certified level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home since 2014.

ACOFP OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY MEDICINE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



The ACOFP Osteopathic Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award was launched in 2010 and honors individuals who exemplify the osteopathic family medicine profession's highest standards of excellence in teaching and have made efforts towards the academic achievement of osteopathic students and residents.

Carol S. Browne, DO, FACOFP, is professor and chair of the Osteopathic Principles and Practices department within the Office of Clinically Applied Science Education at the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine (UIWSOM). A founding faculty member at the UIWSOM, she is the co-lead of the Developing Osteopathic Clinical Skills Curriculum Integration Team. Dr. Browne is active with learners as a

faculty advisor for the Student ACOFP chapter, the Student American Academy of Osteopathy, and the Pride in Practice organization. She served as a Texas Society of the ACOFP (TXACOF) board member for nearly two decades and was elected president in 2022. She also co-chairs the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) and TOMA/TXACOF CME events. Dr. Browne was a faculty member at the University of North Texas Health Science Center-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNTHSC-TCOM) from 1989-1999, where she received the National Student Osteopathic Medical Association's 1996 George Northup Osteopathic Educator of the Year, the 1996 TCOM Gender Equity Award, and the 1998 ML Coleman Clinical Faculty of the Year. After leaving UNTHSC-TCOM, she practiced family medicine/OMM in both central Missouri and Florida where she frequently precepted both osteopathic students and residents until joining the UIWSOM faculty in 2016. Dr. Browne is passionate about keeping "osteopathic" in osteopathic family medicine and strives to instill a love for osteopathic medicine in all her students.

ACOFP OUTSTANDING FEMALE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD



The ACOFP Outstanding Female Leader Award honors female physicians who serve as role models, teachers, leaders and sources of inspiration for men and women alike.

Trudy J. Milner, DO, has been involved in ACOFP for many years. She has served at the state level as a past president of the Oklahoma Society of the ACOFP and continues to serve currently as a trustee to the Oklahoma Society of the ACOFP. Dr. Milner has been a strong advocate for osteopathic students in Oklahoma. She is an active participant in our mentor-mentee program with Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Milner seeks out students, residents, and new

physicians and encourages them along the way, often maintaining contact with her mentees and helping them in any way possible. She has been recognized as such a great leader in Oklahoma that she was appointed to the Oklahoma State University A&M Board of Regents and just completed a term as chair to the Board. Dr. Milner has continued to practice family medicine throughout these commitments and her patients praise her highly. She is well regarded in her community.

ACOFP NEW OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



The ACOFP New Osteopathic Physician of the Year Award recognizes physicians who have made significant contributions to family medicine between 2-5 years after entering the specialty.

Garrett L. Kirkpatrick, DO, is a Family Physician at Cleveland Clinic Beachcliff Family Medicine in Rocky River, Ohio. As a student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), Dr. Kirkpatrick became an active member of ACOFP, and during residency at UPMC Altoona Family Physicians in Altoona, Pennsylvania, he was a member of the ACOFP Residents Committee and was the lead architect of the current ACOFP Resident Council while he served as the resident governor on the ACOFP Board of Governors. He has served as the chair of the ACOFP New Physicians Committee for the past two years and sits on the Membership

Committee and is the new physician liaison for the CME Advisory Council. He was a member of the ACOFP Future Leaders Committee and the ACOFP Public Relations/Family Medicine for America's Health Committee. In addition to his service for ACOFP on a national level, Dr. Kirkpatrick has also held leadership positions within the ACOFP on the state level in both Pennsylvania and Ohio and is currently a member of the Ohio ACOFP Board of Governors. Dr. Kirkpatrick also serves on numerous committees at the Cleveland Clinic.

2023 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



The ACOFP Distinguished Service Award honors individuals who demonstrate outstanding service to ACOFP through committee involvement or other activities that help achieve ACOFP's objectives.

Jeffrey S. Grove, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, is a family physician at Suncoast Family Medical Associates, which he joined in 1993 after completing his internship and family medicine residency at Sun Coast Hospital. Dr. Grove is board certified in family medicine with added certification in geriatrics. He is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine where he is a past-president of the NSU-COM Alumni Association. He currently serves on the Board of Governors for the NSU Health Professions Division and was awarded the 2004 Alumni of the Year

Award for Nova Southeastern University. A member of ACOFP for over 30 years, Dr. Grove is a recipient of the 2020 ACOFP Osteopathic Physician of the Year award and the 2016 ACOFP Excellence in Advocacy Award. As founder of the ACOFP LGBTQI+ Committee and the Jeffrey Grove, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, Minority/LGBTQI+ Health Disparity & Wellness Poster Competition, Dr. Grove has been a champion for diverse populations in osteopathic family medicine and for the LGBTQI+ community. In 2019, Crain's Chicago Business named him as a Notable LGBTQ Executive. Dr. Grove is a member of the American Osteopathic Association Council on Continuing Medical Education where he was chairman from 2009 to 2016. In addition, he is the secretary for the Osteopathic Political Action Committee (OPAC)-American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA) Board of Directors and has previously served on the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Bureau of State Government Affairs and on the AOA Building Committee.



Kevin V. de Regnier, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, is an osteopathic family physician and president of Madison County Medical Associates in Winterset, Iowa. He served as president of ACOFP in 2015 to 2016, is a distinguished Fellow, and has volunteered as a member and chair on numerous ACOFP committees. He is also a trustee of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Board of Trustees. In addition to over 30 years as a physician, Dr. de Regnier offers his time and services to several other osteopathic associations and medical organizations and supports his community by helping with causes such as suicide prevention, hospice care, first responders support, the DARE program, and more. A true osteopathic physician, Dr. de Regnier cares for his patient's mind, body and spirit by regularly filling the pulpit in his church.



2023 SANDER A. KUSHNER, DO, FACOFP MEMORIAL OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENT AWARD



The Sander A. Kushner, DO, FACOFP Memorial Osteopathic Family Medicine Resident Award, sponsored by the ACOFP Foundation, honors residents who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and motivation for careers in osteopathic family medicine.

Jordan Wong, DO, is a third-year family medicine resident at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton, North Carolina. He earned his Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine in 2020 at the University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM). As a servant-leader, he currently serves as the Resident Governor on the ACOFP Board of Governors and as the Resident Representative for the North Carolina Society of the ACOFP (NCSACOFP). He is passionate about osteopathic family medicine and strives to remain at the forefront of advocacy for family physicians.



2023 MARIE WISEMAN OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR AND EMERGING LEADER AWARD



The Marie Wiseman Outstanding Osteopathic Student of the Year Award—selected in partnership between ACOFP and the Auxiliary to the ACOFP—recognizes an osteopathic medical student who demonstrates strong philanthropic and community service.

Rachel Souza, DO '23, served as president of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's (PCOM) student chapter of ACOFP during her time as a student in the PCOM Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program. Continuing her journey in ACOFP, Student Doctor Souza was elected secretary of the ACOFP National Student Executive Board (NSEB) and rose to vice president in 2022. Among her many leadership duties in this role, Student Doctor Souza is responsible for interacting with chapters

from across the country to ensure they are successful and coordinating the board's annual community service project. In addition to her service in ACOFP, Student Doctor Souza was a member of the Primary Care Leadership Collaboration of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the PCOM Student Run Clinic's Logistics Committee, and a PCOM DO Ambassador from 2020 to 2022. She holds a Bachelor of Science (ScB) degree in Neuroscience from Brown University and a Master of Science (ScM) degree in Behavioral and Social Sciences from Brown University School of Public Health. She will graduate with her DO from PCOM in May 2023.

MASTER PRECEPTOR AWARDS



Cheryl A. Hammes, DO, graduated from Ohio University Osteopathic College of Medicine in 1998 and completed her family medicine residency at South Pointe Hospital-Cleveland Clinic in 2001. She has been educating medical students since 2001 and currently holds appointments as an associate clinical professor in the departments of Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM). Dr. Hammes has been the instructor of record for an OU-HCOM OMM Honors elective course since 2017 and oversees the curriculum for that course as well as the second year OMM curriculum as liaison. In 2007, Dr. Hammes launched her private practice, Integrative Wellness. She has facilitated patient care utilizing osteopathic, integrative, and functional medicine precepts for over 20 years in all ages. In addition, Dr. Hammes has served as an adjunct faculty member at the Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital's ONMM3 residency program since 2005. She is board certified in family medicine and OMT as well as NMM/OMM.



Michael Srulevich, DO, MPH, FAAHPM, is an associate professor in the Department of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) and program director for the PCOM Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program. Board certified in family medicine with additional qualification in geriatric hospice and palliative medicine, Dr. Srulevich practices in PCOM's specialty care clinic, provides long-term care to residents at four Philadelphia nursing homes, and is the lead physician for palliative medicine and the ethics committee chair at Roxborough Memorial Hospital. He has held several medical directorships and served as a National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) item writer for ethics, primary care, and geriatric/palliative medicine, all while maintaining relationships with his student learners and serving his community. Dr. Srulevich is particularly interested in the continuum of care in working with frail and seriously ill patients to seek treatments that most appropriately ensure a maximum quality of life.



George N. Spyropoulos, DO, has been a preceptor in family medicine since 1995. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) and completed his residency at the Medical Center of Delaware (now Christiana Care Health System). Upon completing his residency, Dr. Spyropoulos began his career in family medicine at Christiana Care Health System. Since joining the profession, Dr. Spyropoulos has been honored with the Christiana Care Health System's Preceptor of the Year Award ten times. In addition, he was the recipient of the Delaware Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Teacher of the Year award in 2016. Dr. Spyropoulos has been teaching medical students and family medicine residents for decades, precepting both students and residents on a weekly basis. He has been a full-time faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine at PCOM since 2019 and has held other teaching and academic positions throughout his career.

Fellow Awards of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

The Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physician (FACOFPP) is an honorary designation bestowed upon candidates who have contributed outstanding national and local service through teaching, authorship, research or professional leadership and who demonstrate dedication to ACOFP, as well as commitment to the health and welfare of their patients and to the future of osteopathic family medicine.



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Traci-lyn Eisenberg,
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Fellow Awards of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians



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Ronald W. Torrance, II,
DO, FACOFP

Distinguished Fellow Awards of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

The designation of Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians acknowledges those Fellows who have distinguished themselves through service to ACOFP by meeting attendance, as well as by their support of the ACOFP's local and national governance and committees.



Nicole H. Bixler,
DO, MBA, FACOFP *dist.*



Melinda E. Ford,
DO, FACOFP *dist.*



Brian A. Kessler,
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Saroj Misra,
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Bruce R. Williams,
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