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NATIONAL EMERGING LEADER ANNOUNCED



The AOF James M. Lally, DO, Emerging Leader Award expanded in 2019 to recognize DOs from across the country who inspire those around them and whose collaborative actions having a profound impact on the osteopathic medical profession and public health. In partnership with state osteopathic associations, 10 DOs in practice less than five years were named as State Emerging Leaders, with one National James M. Lally Emerging Leader announced at the AOF Honors Gala.

This year's National Emerging Leader is Cole Zanetti, DO. A graduate of the UNTHSC-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Zanetti currently serves as director of the Colorado Digital Health Track at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine and primary care section chief for the Veteran Affairs-Eastern Colorado Health Care System.

The additional Emerging Leaders who were nominated from across the country in 2019 are:

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| Danielle Barnett-Trapp, DO Arizona | Adam C. Hunt, DO Michigan | Bradley Scoggins, DO New Mexico |
| Jennifer A. Belsky, DO Ohio | Andrew Levin, DO Pennsylvania | Jason A. Sneed, DO Virginia |
| Sumeet Goel, DO Wisconsin | Seeger Morris, DO Mississippi | Errin Weisman, DO Indiana |

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edition of *US News & World Report*



Top 10 New Osteopathic Physicians Across America

Voted By State Peers



Congratulations

The American Osteopathic Foundation is proud to celebrate 2019's TOP EMERGING LEADERS in their first 5 years of practice. We salute your commitment to osteopathic principles and your tireless efforts to enhance patient-centered care.





NAVY CAPTAIN EARNS INAUGURAL AOF MILITARY AWARD

The AOF Distinguished Military Service Award launched this year to honor an outstanding DO who advances the cause of osteopathic medicine while active in the military. The AOF is proud to name CAPT Mark E. Fleming, DO, as the inaugural winner of this prestigious new award.

An orthopedic traumatologist, Dr. Fleming is Deputy Director and Staff Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon of the U.S. Navy Trauma Training Center. In his nearly 30 years of service, he has cared for deployed troops, provided guidance to fellow military doctors, and advanced the work of large-care delivery teams at one of the nation's largest military hospitals. He graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1999.

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ROBERT DANOFF, DO, NAMED AOF PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The AOF Physician of the Year Award, among the Foundation's highest honors, recognizes one extraordinary DO each year whose integrity, service, and community involvement elevates him or her as a role model for peers. Robert Danoff, DO, MS, FAAFP, FACOFP, exemplifies these ideals and has been named the 2019 AOF Physician of the Year.

Dr. Danoff serves as Clinical Professor at both the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Complimenting his deep commitment to patient care, educating and mentoring medical students and residents is one of his utmost priorities.

[Learn more about Dr. Danoff](#) [Watch the Video](#)



RICHARD T. JERMYN, DO, NAMED AOF EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The AOF W. Douglas Ward Educator of the Year Award is one of the highest honors the Foundation bestows each year. It recognizes an osteopathic physician and teacher who continuously displays unwavering dedication to the tenets of osteopathic medicine and a true passion for passing those ideals on to future generations of DOs.

Richard T. Jermyn, DO, FAAPMR, has been named the 2019 W. Douglas Ward, PhD, Educator of the Year. Dr. Jermyn is professor and chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine and director of the school's Neuromusculoskeletal Institute.

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OUTSTANDING RESIDENTS OF THE YEAR HONORED

In 2019, the AOF partnered with 12 osteopathic specialty societies to recognize outstanding osteopathic residents in training programs across the country. This year's winners are listed below.

Anesthesiology:

Michael Shane Moore, DO

A 2015 graduate of the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Moore is currently Chief Resident at OSU Medical Center.

Dermatology:

Gregory R. Delost, DO

Dr. Delost earned his DO degree from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine before entering University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center dermatology residency program.

Family Medicine:

Ryan Smith, DO

Dr. Smith graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2017 and is currently Chief Resident in an Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital family medicine program.

Internal Medicine:

Britney McCarty, DO

Dr. McCarty earned her DO degree from the University of Pikeville - Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2017 and is currently in an internal medicine residency at Largo Medical Center in Florida.

Military Medicine:

CPT Gregory Bryant Giles, DO, MC

Dr. Giles graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine-Georgia in 2017, and is currently completing an ophthalmology residency at Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Neurology & Psychiatry:

Pareesh Jaini, DO

Dr. Jaini graduated from the University of North Texas Health Science Center Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2018 and is in a general psychiatry residency at John Peter Smith Hospital.

Obstetrics & Gynecology:

Marianne Krupka, DO

A 2016 graduate of Lincoln Memorial University - DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Krupka is chief resident of an OB-GYN residency at Presence Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago.

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine:

Angela K. Tyson, DO

Dr. Tyson graduated from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Carolinas Campus in 2015; she completed a pediatrics and NMM/OMM program at OSU Medical Center before entering a Neonatal - Perinatal Medicine Fellowship.

Orthopedic Surgery:

Jacob J. Triplet, DO

Dr. Triplet graduated from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2016, and is completing an orthopedic surgery residency at OhioHealth Doctors Hospital.

Pediatrics:

Erin Thornley, DO

Dr. Thornley, a 2017 graduate of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, is currently in the Phoenix Children's Hospital/Maricopa Medical Center Pediatric Residency Program.

Radiology:

David Young, DO

A U.S. Navy veteran, Dr. Young earned his DO degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2013 before entering a radiology residency program at Oklahoma State University Medical Center.

Surgery: Timothy W. Wolff, DO

Dr. Wolff earned his DO degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2016 and completed a general surgery residency before his Trauma Research Fellowship at Grant Medical Center.



Top: Timothy Wolff, DO; Middle: Pareesh Jaini, DO; Bottom left: Ryan Smith, DO; Bottom right: Britney McCarty, DO

[Read more about this year's winners on the AOF website](#)



VCOM STUDENT WINS STUDENT RESEARCHER AWARD

Franklin Saunders Hiffernan, OMS III, has been selected to receive the 2019 AOF Burnett Osteopathic Student Researcher Award. This prestigious award is given annually to an osteopathic medical student for outstanding accomplishments in and through osteopathic-oriented research.

Student Doctor Hiffernan is a third-year student at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)-Carolinas. He has conducted two research projects on wound healing and submitted a case study for publication on the use of osteopathic manipulative medicine for otalgia. He has presented his work at national and local events.

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ROCOVICH RESEARCH GRANT GOES TO DO DERMATOLOGIST

The AOF Rocovich Research Grant program, in its second year, recognizes a DO or student who is advancing the profession through research on OMT. This year, the grant went to Rachel L. Giesey, DO.

Dr. Giesey graduated from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2018. An avid publisher of research, her "DERMS DO 5" project aims to protect and promote the role of OMT in the dermatology setting.

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AOF AND AOA PARTNER TO AWARD FIRST NEW INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH GRANT

Through an innovative collaboration, the AOA/AOF New Investigator Research Grant opens doors for discovery through research and builds a pipeline to advance the scientific training of new osteopathic investigators.

The first recipient of this grant is Alexis Marie LaPietra, DO, FACEP, FAAEM, medical director of the Emergency Medicine Pain Management Program at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Foundation in New Jersey. Her work focuses on OMT versus standard therapy in pain management.

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GOLDEN TICKET \$25,000 WINNER ANNOUNCED AT HONORS GALA

Now in its third year, this Golden Ticket Scholarship recognizes exceptional achievement in osteopathic medical students while helping to address student loan debt. Four students were selected as finalists; each received a \$5,000 scholarship:

Parker G. Adams, OMS III

Corinna Bayuk, OMS IV

Zachary D. Hanson, OMS IV

Caitlin M. Marshall, MPH, OMS III

At the AOF Honors Gala, it was announced that Zachary D. Hanson, OMS IV, would receive an additional \$20,000 for a grand price scholarship of \$25,000.

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GOLDEN TICKET SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER ZACHARY D. HANSON, OMS IV

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences
College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM)



Zachary D. Hanson, OMS IV, is extremely active in research. He is currently working on publishing a meta-analysis in orthopedic oncology to help create guidelines on limb salvage surgeries for bone cancer in children. He is publishing a case report on primary

pericardial mesothelioma, a rare cancer that he helped diagnose during his internal medicine clinical rotation, among other initiatives.



VCOM-CAROLINAS STUDENT WINS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Elizabeth Zipprer, OMS IV at VCOM-Carolinas, received the 2019 AOA/ AOF Presidential Memorial Leadership Award for her active role on campus, mentorship of fellow students, and collaboration to implement change.

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KAREN J. NICHOLS, DO, LEAD SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO CUSOM STUDENT

The Karen J. Nichols LEAD Scholar Award recognizes student **Leadership, Excellence, Achievement, and Dedication**. The 2019 winner is Tony R. Li, OMS III at Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

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TWO WOMEN RECEIVE MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS



The 2019 William G. Anderson, DO, Minority Scholarship was awarded to two students: Dianet Falcon, OMS III at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine–Auburn Campus, and Crystal Goree, OMS III at the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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\$1,000,000 GIFT

At this year's gala, a spotlight was placed on the support of minority scholarships and the Heatherington Foundation for Innovation and Education in Health Care made a surprise one million dollar gift for which we are very grateful!



2019 AOF ROSSNICK HUMANITARIAN GRANT RECIPIENTS

Rossnick Grants fund students and residents' travel on international medical service trips. Through September 2019, the AOF has approved 21 grants providing humanitarian outreach in nine countries:

Pedro Amaya (KCUMB-COM): Kenya

Samantha Baxter (KCUMB-COM): Kenya

Bryant Dawson (LUCOM): Guatemala

Austin Dinkel (KCU-COM): Kenya

Ainee De Guzman (VCOM-Virginia): Dominican Republic

Danielle Egbe (ACOM): Ecuador

Sarah Ehlers (resident at Kingman Regional Medical Center): Peru

Irena Grauzinis (AZCOM): Philippines

Stefanie Herfurth (CUSOM): Ecuador

Charla Holdren (DMU-COM): Tanzania

Brian Jahnnny (MSUCOM): Guatemala

Joe Li (KCUMB-COM): Kenya

Cora Lubchenko (PNWU-COM): Dominican Republic



Whitley McIntosh (KYCOM): Kenya

Kalee Morris (KCUMB-COM): Kenya

Alexander Nam (LUCOM): Guatemala

Adrian Olson (RVUCOM): Kenya

Divya Padmanabhan (UNE-COM): Dominican Republic

Alexander Palmer (resident at Global Health Outreach): Honduras

Ashka Patel (resident at Geisinger Medical Center): Zambia

Aliya Rashid (KCUMB-COM): Kenya

Jennifer Stoltenberg (CUSOM): Dominican Republic

Justina Truong (MSUCOM): Guatemala

Carson Twiss (PNWU-COM): Sierra Leone

Austin Vaughan (KCUMB-COM): Kenya

Kiara Yeatman (CUSOM): Ecuador



MCCORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HONORED

Sydney Sherman, OMS III, received the 2019 Paul McCord, DO, Memorial Scholarship, given annually to one OMS III at MWU/CCOM who is committed to helping underserved patients.

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MEMORIAL LECTURE GIVEN BY OU-HCOM ALUM

Richard G. Schuster, DO, presented the 2019 Turfler Memorial Lecture on the topic of "Osteopathic Approach to Scoliosis" at the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) Annual Convocation. The lecture, co-sponsored by AOF and AAO, highlights osteopathic medical advances.



WVSOM STUDENT RECEIVES PRAIRIE STATE SCHOLARSHIP

Jessie Ann Flowers, OMS IV at WVSOM, was selected to receive the 2019 AOF Prairie State Scholarship for her excellent academic record and stewardship of osteopathic medicine.

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2019 SLATE OF WELCH SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

Established in 2001, the grant provides monetary aid to students in need at each college or school of osteopathic medicine.

Sneha Aidasani, OMS II, UIWSOM
Antonio A. Arias, OMS III, LECOM-Bradenton
Kevin Bartel, OMS IV, KCU-COM
Vondra Brimage, OMS IV, VCOM-Carolinas Campus
Kevin Chase, OMS III, OU-HCOM
Max Cohen, OMS IV, UNECOM
Paul Cowan, OMS IV, ATSU-SOMA
Chi Chi Do-Nguyen, OMS III, PCOM
Ellen Douglass, OMS III, PNWU-COM
Christopher D. Fink, OMS II, LECOM
Kristina Fraser, OMS III, UNTHSC-TCOM

Mary Galka, OMS III, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest
Patrick Gilson, OMS IV, DMU-COM
Rachel Gilson, OMS IV, LMU-DCOM
Emma Hare, OMS IV, MSUCOM
Kevin Hon, OMS III, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Ryan Koewler, OMS III, TUCOM
Matthew Levine, OMS IV, NYITCOM
Killian Llewellyn, OMS III, MWU/CCOM
Joselyn Miller, OMS II, VCOM-Auburn Campus
Maisie Orsillo, OMS IV, Touro-COM-Middletown

Julianna Procaccini, OMS III, VCOM-Virginia Campus
Kodee Rasmussen, OMS II, RVUCOM
Colin M. Soper, OMS II, RowanSOM
Kiefer Starks, OMS II, ICOM
Mehdi Talle, OMS II, TUNCOM
Hannah Renee Thompson, OMS III, LUCOM
Michelle Tierney, OMS III, BCOM
Nam "Billy" Vo, OMS IV, WCUCOM
Zack Wages, OMS III, KCU-COM-Joplin
Richard Wruble, OMS III, MWU/CCOM
Regina Zambrano, OMS III, NSU-KPCOM

OMS PARTNERS HONORED WITH AOF / AAOA DONNA JONES MORITSUGU MEMORIAL AWARD

The 2019 recipients are recognized for the unwavering support they provide to their fourth-year osteopathic medical student partners and spouses.

Sepeedeh Araghiniknam, WVSOM
(partner of Salman Kermali)

Jared Brooks, MWU/CCOM
(partner of Elisa Brooks)

Katie Doster, RVUCOM
(partner of Enrique Doster)

Ethan Duane, UNECOM
(partner of Tiffany Duane)

Adam B. Duncan, LUCOM
(partner of Leslie S. Duncan)

Marlene Fernandez, NSU-KPCOM
(partner of Albert Chester)

Anita Fries, MU-COM
(partner of Andrew Fries)

Adam Froke, ATSU-SOMA
(partner of Friederike Froke)

Anass Hanouf, NYITCOM
(partner of Nour Beylouni)

Brayden Healy, WesternU/
COMP-Northwest

(partner of Amber Healey)

Michael R. Hollar, OU-HCOM
(partner of Erica Hollar)

Mary T. Ileso, RowanSOM
(partner of Amoso Aigbe Ileso)

Samuel Ji, TUCOM
(partner of (Eunice) Yee Man Lo)

Greg Johnson, TCOM
(partner of Stephanie Johnson)

Graham Lambert, TUNCOM
(partner of Kimberly Ann-Rose Lambert)

Chad Martinez, ACOM
(partner of Kylie Martinez)

Douglas E. Meyer, UP-KYCOM
(partner of Anna E. Meyer)

Seth Minton, PNWU-COM
(partner of Brittany Minton)

Zachary Mullins, VCOM-Carolinas
Campus (partner of Katy Mullins)

Jon Patterson, ATSU-KCOM
(partner of Celeste Patterson)

Trask Printz, VCOM-Virginia
Campus (partner of Katelyn Printz)

Anh Rebhan, TUCOM
(partner of David Rebhan)

Alex Risenhover, OSU-COM
(partner of Hollie Risenhover)

Pooja Sarkar, TouroCOM-
Middletown
(partner of Dr. Trevor C. Smith)

Jarod Schroeder, MSUCOM
(partner of Beth Courey)

Jarom Spencer, DMU-COM
(partner of Nicole Spencer)

Nicholas Weber, AZCOM
(partner of Heather Johnston)

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