

American **Osteopathic** Foundation

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Colleagues,

It was an honor to create Dean's Digest last year and I enjoyed sharing vital information about the American Osteopathic Foundation's scholarships, grants, and awards in this publication during my term as President-elect. Now, it is my pleasure to hand over the role of editor of Deans Digest to Dr. Dawn Tartaglione, the Foundation's new President-elect and Chair of the Programs, Scholarships, and Awards Committee.

Barbara Ross-Lee, DO
President, American Osteopathic Foundation

Thank you Dr. Ross-Lee for leading the way in developing this streamlined publication, especially for Osteopathic Deans. I look forward to continuing this great work.

In this edition, I invite you to learn more about our upcoming spring scholarship and grant opportunities that may benefit your students, as well



as how your school can honor and celebrate a partner of a graduating Osteopathic medical student with a very special award.

Dawn Tartaglione, DC
President-elect, American Osteopathic Foundation

NOW ACCEPTING DONNA JONES MORITSUGU MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

As Dean, you or your designee have the opportunity to recognize an outstanding spouse of a graduating Osteopathic medical student through a unique award program.

The [AOF/AAOA Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award](#) was established in 1993 in memory of the late wife of Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu, MD, whose life was cut short by a tragic auto accident. Donna was a multitalented woman and professional in her own right. She was a constant source of inspiration and counsel to her husband, who called her the “wind beneath his wings.”

Like Dr. Moritsugu, many DOs are blessed with partners who help them achieve their professional goals including navigating the often difficult road to becoming an Osteopathic Physician.

In partnership with the [Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association](#) (AAOA) and Colleges and Schools of Osteopathic Medicine across the country, the Foundation presents this award to one individual from each school that submits a qualified nominee.

School selections will be accepted through May 16.

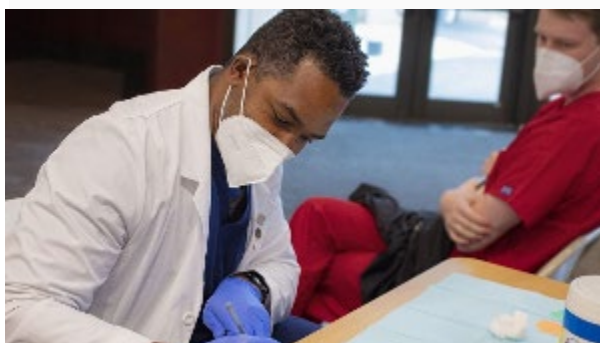
Additional information, eligibility requirements and access to the nomination portal can be found on [our website](#).

Photos of recent award recipients are featured below.



GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2022 FUNDING AVAILABLE



Brandon Bishop, OMS II, Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences COM, one of five 2021 AOF William G. Anderson, DO Minority Scholarship recipients.

Mark your calendars for March 28 and [bookmark our website](#) for the opening of our Spring applications.

Educational scholarships and grants help defray costs of medical school and recognize outstanding student physicians who are already making a lasting impact in the profession.

Did you know...

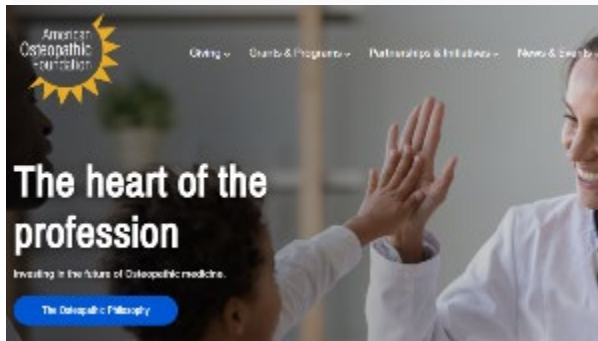
The American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) currently accredits 36 colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) operating at 60

different sites. This includes 36 fully accredited COMs with 16 additional locations and six branch campuses, as well as five pre-accredited COMs.*

As they enter their second year, students from pre-accredited COMs are eligible to apply or be nominated for many of our scholarships, grants, and awards. We invite you to become familiar with our [scholarship and grant](#) programs to learn more.

*As of February 2022

VISIT OUR REDESIGNED WEBSITE
WWW.AOF.ORG



The Foundation recently launched its redesigned website www.aof.org. Whether searching for [grants and scholarships](#) with a new, sortable functionality, reading about our latest [news and events](#), or investing in our work, this robust platform offers a rewarding user experience.

Also, the Foundation is pleased to now offer an [online service](#) to create wills at no cost. This complimentary tool is available to all Osteopathic

community members and friends, including students.

Please consider sharing this information with staff that provides student support such as members of your financial aid team as well as integrating it on your school's website.

2022 EDUCATOR OF THE
YEAR AWARD

ACCEPTING
NOMINATIONS SOON



Nominations for the 2022 AOF W. Douglas Ward, PhD, Educator of the Year Award open March 28.

The designation [Educator of the Year](#) is awarded to an individual who not only emulates the Osteopathic profession's highest standards of excellence in teaching, but one who is passionate about Osteopathic medicine has made a significant impact on the academic advancement of Osteopathic students and has made long-standing contributions to the profession in the academic arena.

Per Gunnar Brolinson, DO
(VCOM) 2021 AOF W.
Douglas Ward, PhD,
Educator of the Year Award
Recipient

[Dr. Per Gunnar Brolinson](#) received the award in 2021. He is the Vice Provost for Research at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) as well as Medical Director of VCOM's Impact Biomechanics Lab and Professor of Family Medicine.

Learn more about the [Educator of the Year Award](#) and its eligibility requirements.

SOMA FOUNDATION GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



The Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) Foundation is a student-managed, nonprofit organization under the auspices of the American Osteopathic Foundation, that specializes in providing scholarships for current Osteopathic medical students who are members of National SOMA.

The SOMA Foundation's Spring Scholarship cycle is currently accepting applications that are available to students in every stage of their educational career (OMS I-IV). The deadline is April 10.

Applications are via Google Forms. Links are below.

[SOMAF Spring SOMA Convention Travel Grant](#)

[International Outreach Medicine Scholarship](#)

[Physician Loans AT Still Memorial Scholarship](#)

[Ed and Melissa Loniewski Medically Underserved Scholarship](#)

[Marvin H. and Kathleen G. Teget Leadership in Specialty Medicine Scholarship](#)

[SOMA Scholar Award](#)

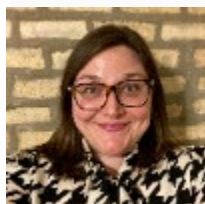
YOUR **INPUT** MATTERS

In March 2020, the AOF suspended our annual international humanitarian travel grant program due to COVID-19. As we consider resuming the program in 2022, your feedback is important! If applicable to your institutions, please complete our 2-minute survey to provide an update on the status of the international program activities at your School/College.

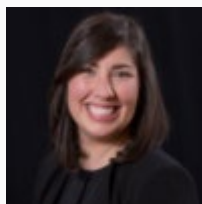
For those schools resuming international trips, the AOF's Rossnick Humanitarian Grant program provides up to \$1,500 in airfare and lodging stipend for students who travel to underserved, underdeveloped, or disaster-stricken areas to provide medical services.

[Take the Survey](#)

MEET THE STAFF



If you have questions about grant and scholarship eligibility, please reach out to [Tiffanie Tabrizi](#), Director of Programs, Scholarships, and Awards.



Questions about technical support requests? Please contact [Gina Gottlob](#), Director of Internal and External Affairs.



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