

No person
was ever
honoured
for what
he *received*.
Honour
has been the
reward
for what he
gave.”

- Calvin Coolidge

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Alabama Chapter Awards

June 2012

2012 Laureate Award

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2012 Alabama Laureate Award

The Laureate Award is presented to an individual who has displayed devotion and service to the American College of Physicians on a local, state, and national basis. The list of previous recipients of this award is a Who's Who of Alabama Internal Medicine from the middle of the 20th Century to the present.

The recipient of this award shall bear the title *Laureate of the Alabama Chapter*.

This award shall be presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The awardee should accept the recognition in person, unless excused by the Governor. The awardee is to be nominated by a process that may originate from the Awards Committee or from any member of the Chapter. The nomination must document the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee.

The awardee should be a senior physician and Fellow or Master of long-standing, with acknowledged excellence and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, the awardee should have served the Chapter with distinction.

It is with distinct pleasure that this year the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents the Laureate Award to William J. Koopman, MD, MACP. Dr. Koopman, a long-standing and loyal supporter of the College has rendered distinguished service to the Chapter, and has upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

We salute and honor him on this occasion and wish him well in the future.

2012 Chapter Advocacy Award

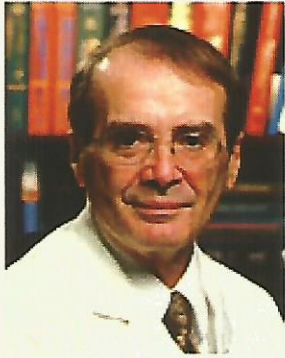
In 2005, the ACP Alabama Chapter started recognizing its members who had served the chapter in an effort to work with local, state, and national health and public policy issues that affected its members. This award is given to a physician in appreciation for his/her many years of service in health care and public policy advocacy, and in working in the political arena at the local, state and national levels in support of health care issues. It reflects many years of testifying to legislative committees, serving as a key contact physician, working with local and state agencies with reimbursement policy issues, coding, updates, and many other issues that affect the physicians of the state.

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It is with distinct pleasure that this year, the Alabama Chapter presents the "Chapter Advocacy Award" to C. Calvert Dodson, III, MD, FACP. Dr. Dodson is a long standing supporter of the College and has served its members in the political arena to its highest level.

We salute Dr. Dodson for his many accomplishments.

2012 Laureate Award
William J. Koopman, MD, MACP



William J. Koopman, MD, MACP, received his medical degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Medical School (Alpha Omega Alpha). He completed his internship/residency training in internal medicine at the

Massachusetts General Hospital and then spent three years as a Staff Fellow in the Laboratory of Immunology and Microbiology at the National Institute of Dental Research at the NIH. He was recruited to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in 1977, where he became Professor, and was named the third Director of the Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology in 1983. He was the Founding Director of the UAB Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases Center. In 1995, he was appointed Chairman of the Department of Medicine, a position he held for 11 years. Dr. Koopman has the distinction of holding three different endowed chairs during his career at UAB and is currently Distinguished Professor and Chair Emeritus in the Department of Medicine.

Dr Koopman's primary research interests have involved regulation of autoantibody expression, particularly rheumatoid factors. His work also highlighted the importance of synovial cells in joint destruction in inflammatory arthritis. In 1990 he established the Arthritis Intervention Unit at UAB in anticipation of the need for academic clinical investigational infrastructures to evaluate targeted therapeutics for rheumatic diseases. His work has led to 271 original papers, reviews, and book chapters. He served as co-

editor of the 10th Edition of the Primer on Rheumatic Diseases and as editor of the textbook Arthritis and Allied Conditions (12th-15th editions).

Dr. Koopman received the Carol Nachman Award for Outstanding Research in 1982. He was a Member of the NIAMS National Advisory Council (1987-1990) and served as Chair of the Board of Scientific Counselors of NIAMS (1991-1995). A member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation (ASCI), Association of American Physicians, and Institute of Medicine, Koopman served as President of ASCI from 1996 - 1997. He played a leadership role in the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) as Editor of Arthritis and Rheumatism from 1985-1990, Member of the Board of Directors, and President from 1996-1997. He was selected as a Master of the American College of Physicians in 1999. In 2004, Dr Koopman received the UAB Distinguished Faculty Award and the President's Gold Medal, the highest award bestowed by the University on a faculty member. In 2008 he received the Robert H. Williams Distinguished Chair of Medicine Award from the Association of Professors of Medicine. More recently, he was designated a Master of the American College of Rheumatology (2010) and received the ACR Gold Medal in 2012, the highest award conferred by this organization.

Dr. Koopman's hobbies include fishing, hiking, traveling, gardening, grandchildren (5), dogs (4), baseball (he describes himself as "an AVID Red Sox fan"), puzzles, and reading.