

Previous Winners

1988	Tom Sheehy, MD, FACP
1989	Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, FACP
1990	Henry M. Gewin, MD, FACP
1990	Stanley S. Kahn, MD, FACP
1991	Jack J. Kirschenfeld, MD, FACP
1991	John M. Packard, MD, FACP
1992	John F. Burnum, MD, FACP
1992	S. Richardson Hill Jr., MD, FACP
1993	Samuel Eichold II, MD, FACP
1993	William W. Winternitz, MD
1994	H. Hamilton Hutchinson, MD, FACP
1994	James A. Pittman Jr., MD, MACP
1995	Dick D. Briggs Jr., MD, FACP
1995	Irving A. Koffler, MD, FACP
1996	Alan M. Siegal, MD, FACP
1996	Robert H. Lokey, MD, FACP
1997	J. Claude Bennet, MD, MACP
1997	John McDuffie McGehee, MD, FACP
1998	Wilmer J. Coggins, MD, FACP
1998	Richard H. Esham, MD, FACP
1999	Charles G. Cobbs, MD, FACP
1999	Richard O. Russell Jr., MD, FACP
2000	John B. Bass Jr., MD, MACP
2000	Peter W. Morris, MD, FACP
2001	Max Michael III, MD, FACP
2001	Keehn W. Berry Jr., MD, FACP
2002	William A. Curry, MD, FACP
2002	Arthur L. Ennis, MD, FACP
2003	William E. Dismukes, MD, MACP
2003	Pink L. Folmar, MD, FACP
2004	Paul W. Burlison, MD, FACP
2004	Edwin A. Rutsky, MD, FACP
2005	Ben V. Branscomb, MD, FACP
2005	John M. McMahon, MD, FACP
2006	Roy F. Roddam, MD, FACP
2006	Frank D. Sutton Jr., MD, FACP
2007	James R. Bonner, MD, FACP
2007	Stephen Alvin Davis, MD, FACP
2008	Dennis G. Delgado, MD, FACP
2008	Billy Willard Boyd, MD, FACP
2009	Wickliffe J. Many Jr., MD, FACP
2009	Robert M. Centor, MD, FACP
2010	Maryella D. Sirmon, MD, FACP
2011	Gustavo Heudebert, MD, FACP
2012	William J. Koopman, MD, MACP
2013	Ross Vaughn, MD, FACP
2014	Anupam Agarwal, MD
2015	Lourdes C. Corman, MD, FACP, FACR
2016	Charles Seth Landefeld, MD, FACP
2017	Charles Michael Soppet, MD, FACP
2018	Bernard H. Eichold II, MD, DrPH, FACP
2019	Vera Bittner, MD, MSPH, FACP
2020	Jefferson Underwood III, MD, FACP



2021 Laureate Award



Lisa Laycock Willett, MD, MACM, FACP



The Alabama ACP 2021 Laureate is Dr. Lisa L. Willett, Director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Tinsley Harrison Internal Medicine Residency Training Program since July 2012. In January 2015, she was named Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Medicine. In her role as a physician educator, her passion

is to teach physicians in training the clinical skills to best serve their patients and value the doctor-patient relationship. She is viewed by her colleagues as a superb role model and an unselfish leader. She is recognized as a national leader in residency program development and excellence in teaching.

Dr. Willett was born in Washington, DC, but her family moved to Mobile, Alabama, when she was 2 years old. She calls Mobile her hometown. She graduated magna cum laude from Tulane University with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering. She then obtained her medical degree from the UAB School of Medicine with Alpha Omega Alpha designation. She did her internal medicine residency at UAB and was Chief Resident in 1999 to 2000. She was then recruited to join the faculty in the Department of Medicine and advanced to full Professorship in 2014. Dr. Willett was honored in 2012 by being named the recipient of the Tinsley Harrison Endowed Chair in Medical Resident Education. She has advanced her education by earning her master's degree in education in 2015 from the Masters of Academic Medicine Program at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Willett has served on and chaired numerous committees in the School of Medicine and Department of Internal Medicine for strategic planning and faculty recruitment. Through medical school, residency, and faculty level, she has received annually numerous awards for excellence in teaching from her peers and students.

On the national level, she has been recognized as a leader in internal medicine education. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Alliance of Academic Internal Medicine and the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine and has served as President of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine in 2019 to 2020. She was Co-Chair of the 2012 National Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine. In 2009 to 2010, she was President of the Southern Society of General Internal Medicine and has served in numerous positions and committees in this organization. In 2020, she was awarded the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, which is awarded to 10 program directors each year across all specialty programs. She has also been a manuscript reviewer for the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA*, the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, and the *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*.

Dr. Willett was an invited panel speaker on the August 2020 ACP webinar addressing the topic "Navigating the 2021 Internal Medicine Match During the Time of COVID-19." She has given numerous lectures to other medical schools and has served on many panels and organized national workshops on graduate medical education and assessment. Her list of publications in peer-reviewed journals, abstracts, and workshops is exhaustive, as is the number of courses and seminars on curriculum development.

Dr. Willett and her husband, John, have two children. Their daughter, Ellen, 21, graduates from the University of Alabama in May and will enter Physical Therapy School at Samford University. Their son Jake, 19, is a freshman at the University of Alabama. Her outside interests are relaxing on Perdido Bay with a paddleboat or kayak; birdwatching; and tending her lemon tree.

Because of her commitment to quality medical education and the impact that she is having on the next generation of young internists, the Alabama Chapter of ACP is proud to honor Dr. Willett with the 2021 Laureate Award.