

**The following programs won a 2025 John Tooker Evergreen Award. Below is a brief description of their program.**

### **Arizona and Nevada – Great Debates**

Themes: Collaboration, Education, Medical Students and Residents/Fellows

*Residency participants commented that they may incorporate this type of learning activity in their own residencies thanks to ACP.*

The ACP Great Debates takes controversial topics in medicine and allows residency teams to debate these topics with the goal of better understanding the duality of medicine. The tournament is composed of preliminary rounds of residency competitions/events at various state locations, culminating in a championship between finalists. The interstate Great Debates 'Executive Committee' worked together to create rules, judging criteria, and debate topics. Each state's Great Debates Committee ran the logistics of their chapter's events. Topics were assigned at random to each competing team who were then given 30 days to prepare. Events were judged by a panel of volunteer judges and fellow residents. Medical students, faculty, and other ACP members were invited to attend in person or via Zoom to learn about controversial topics in medicine.

If you'd like to know more about the Arizona and Nevada Chapters, visit their [azchapter.acponline.org/](http://azchapter.acponline.org/) and [nvchapter.acponline.org/](http://nvchapter.acponline.org/)



### **Maryland – Connecting and Supporting Through Stories: Monthly Story Swap**

Themes: Medical Students and Residents/Fellows, Physician Well-being and Professional Satisfaction

*Our newly created Wellness Committee identified social isolation as a concern for our members. Aware of the cohesion benefit of sharing personal stories and modeled on a Baltimore popular storytelling event that is held live, "Stoop Story Swaps" with borrowing from the NY ACP's excellent "Small Feedings".*

We created our own virtual story telling event, organized along themes where 6-8 volunteers from a range of settings share 5-minute stories with audience support and interaction called "Story Swaps". Chapter leaders join and help



generate reflection and appreciation about each story. We now have robust participation, suggesting this event provides benefit to participants. The cost to the chapter is only donated time and use of our zoom account. Over the course of the 18 swaps, over 400 different individuals have participated at least once.

If you'd like to know more about the Maryland Chapter, visit their [website](#).

### **Massachusetts – Annual Chapter Poster Competition: Increasing the Value for Trainees and Judges**

Themes: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Early Career Physicians, Education, Medical Students and Residents/Fellows, Physician Well-being and Professional Satisfaction

*For the past two years, the faculty judge program has included training and discussion about implicit bias and being aware of it to work to overcome it when judging individuals in a poster session.*



Our Poster Competition was popular, and we knew it could be even more valuable for our members. We added educational sessions for trainees to learn how to present a poster, address the judges' questions, design a poster, and write an abstract. Educational sessions were added for faculty judges to discuss implicit bias and encourage use of the Implicit Association test. We expanded the number of categories for abstract submission to match the national ACP categories, increasing from 2 to 6 categories, to encourage trainees to participate in the Annual IM poster competition. We are partially funding attendance by the category winner in each category to attend Annual IM. We have expanded posters included in the competition by about 60% and have expanded faculty judges by 65 to 100%. We continue to grow the program in new directions.

If you'd like to know more about the Massachusetts Chapter, visit their [website](#).

### **Nevada – Medical Education Community Faculty Development Program**

Themes: Education

*We had 90 unique registrants to the series thus far. Non-IM attendee specialties included surgical specialties, ob/gyn, pediatrics, neurology, PM&R, basic science faculty.*

Over the past decade, significant growth in graduate medical education in both community-based and university-affiliated programs occurred due to physician shortages, predominantly in southern Nevada. While the expansion was necessary, it resulted in a strain on available resources given few local opportunities for structured faculty development and a shortage of experts in medical education in the greater Las Vegas area. In 2020, the Nevada Chapter developed a high-quality faculty development series to support community faculty in their new roles. This series was created to support the faculty while also serving the needs of the GME programs. The participants were members of ACP, but we also included non-members with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of medical education in any specialty. The program was innovative because it created an opportunity to increase member engagement while providing them with a service that they didn't fully realize they needed – networking, skill building, and CV building.

If you'd like to know more about the Nevada Chapter, visit their [website](#).

### **New York – Advocacy Engagement in 2024**

Themes: Advocacy

*Implementing and executing multiple advocacy focused activities within a few days of each other with a high level of complexity and detail was innovative as well as ambitious.*

NYACP's mission is dedicated to advancing the specialty of Internal Medicine and improving patient care in New York State through education, advocacy, and quality improvement. In addition, the Chapter's goal is to advocate responsible positions on individual health and on public policy relating to health care for the benefit of the public, patients, the medical profession, and our members. With so many legislative obstacles facing internal medicine and primary care physicians, the Chapter reviewed legislative activities and member responses over the last two years. The total number of NYACP members versus responses to member Call-to-Action requests clearly reflected the need to focus on increasing advocacy activity through member engagement. There was work to be done, and it started now!



If you'd like to know more about the New York Chapter, visit their [website](#).

### **South Carolina – Ultrathon Conference**

Themes: Collaboration, Communication, Education, Medical Students and Residents/Fellows

*Attendees demonstrated a significant increase in their comfort level with performing POCUS following the event.*

The South Carolina affiliated conference was an event meant for students, residents, attending, and faculty interested in POCUS. The morning consisted of lectures from the renowned ultrasound faculty. Topics included POCUS in the workplace, POCUS pearls from South Carolina providers, and integrative ultrasound into curriculum and workshops. A friendly ultrasound competition took place in the afternoon. The diverse representation from across the state fostered a sense of collegiality and collaboration within the South Carolina chapter. Senior ACP members appreciated the opportunity to meet and mentor younger members.



If you'd like to know more about the South Carolina Chapter, visit their [website](#).

### **Wisconsin – The Advocacy Corner: Promoting and Highlighting ACP - Wisconsin Advocacy at ACP - Wisconsin Annual Scientific Meeting**

Themes: Advocacy, Communication, Community Service/Volunteerism, Education, Medical Students and Residents/Fellows, Membership

*HPPC members of all classes work collaboratively to become content experts on key issues impacting all Wisconsin residents and have become an invaluable resource to our Chapter.*

The 2024 Advocacy Corner was an enhancement of efforts to change the dynamic of advocacy work by our chapter, both to highlight accomplishments and to encourage increased engagement by all chapter members in advocacy at both the state and national level, through education on the work of our Health and Public Policy Committee as well as interactive activities. The Advocacy Table included several interactive games and activities highlighting voting, the AIM Network, Medicaid expansion, and resources highlighting “Period Poverty” and the regressive state tax on menstrual products. The cornerstone of the Advocacy Table was Issue Guides created by HPPC members to educate all chapter



members on key topics related to state level policy and opportunities for advocacy. These guides were developed during the year by HPPC members who participate in HPPC advocacy work groups.

If you'd like to know more about the Wisconsin Chapter, visit their [website](#).