

2026 CALL FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARDS ***Florida Chapter American College of Physicians***

One of the goals of the Florida Chapter American College of Physicians is to “recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine.” As a way of achieving this goal, the Chapter offers the following awards. If you know a Florida ACP member deserving of recognition, please consider submitting a nomination for one of the Chapter Awards.

Committee(s) participation:

If you are interested in serving on a committee email your curriculum vitae to the Florida Chapter at DMoerings@floridachapteracp.org by **August 17, 2026**.

★ Florida Chapter Laureate Award:

Laureate Award is the most prestigious award given by the Chapter. It honors Fellows or Masters of ACP who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research, and in service to their community, and their chapter of the American College of Physicians. A candidate must be long-standing and loyal supporter of the College who have rendered distinguished service to the Florida Chapter and have upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known. A candidate must be a Fellow or Master of the College for at least ten to fifteen years. The Laureate winner presentation will take place at the Florida Chapter Annual Award Reception.

★ Florida Chapter Internist of the Year:

A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to the clinical practice of internal medicine. Consideration should be given to the totality on an individual’s career. Typically, awardees will have spent at least a decade of service to their profession and to the American College of Physician, though this is not a prerequisite.

★ Florida Chapter Early Career Physician Award:

A physician who is in practice for 16 years or less from medical school graduation, highly respected by his/her colleagues for outstanding clinical and leadership skills, and who has been a role model in the community. This individual should have distinguished themselves in service to patients, the physician community, and the community at large. The awardee should be an educator to patients and the overall medical community as well as an active member of ACP who has contributed meaningfully to the efforts of the chapter.

★ **Florida Chapter Community-Based Teacher:**

A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and who has contributed to the education of medical students, residents, and fellows as an office-based internist.

★ **Florida Chapter Outstanding Teacher of the Year:**

A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to medical education.

★ **Florida Chapter Outstanding Contributions to Advancing the Careers of Women in Medicine:**

The Florida Chapter American College of Physicians recognizes the accomplishments of an ACP Florida woman member for distinguished contributions to advancing the careers of women in medicine. This award recognizes an individual who has furthered the careers of women medical students, residents, and/or physicians through mentoring and leadership development for the career advancement of women.

★ **The Tulisa LaRocca, MD Wellness Champion Award**

The Tulisa LaRocca, MD Wellness Champion Award recognizes an individual or a program whose focus on wellbeing and/or wellness efforts is innovative and extraordinary. Individuals may be recognized for his/her own training, achievements and dissemination of wellness concepts. These activities may be at a local, regional or other level. Individuals who participate in Chapter initiatives will be given special consideration, but those who have participated in national efforts are eligible and encouraged to share activities locally. Institutions may be recognized for their efforts towards developing programs that enrich the personal and professional lives of physicians and trainees. Institutions may also be recognized by submitting their blueprints for wellness programs and agree that dissemination of such programs is permitted and will serve our professional community while acknowledging the institution's pioneering efforts.

★ **Florida Chapter Service Award:**

In Recognition of Meritorious Service to our State & the Medical Profession.

★ **John G. Langdon FL Chapter Award for Volunteerism in Medicine:**

A physician who has distinguished himself or herself in voluntary service in the area of medicine like a commitment to continuing education, which is an established tradition for internists and the College. The College considers volunteerism so important that it is a major criterion for advancing to Fellowship. Recognize a colleague who actively participates in community service and volunteerism.

★ **Charles K. Donegan Memorial Award:**

In Recognition for Distinguished Community Service.

★ **Florida Chapter Key Contact Award:**

A physician who has made exceptional efforts in support of the Chapter's state and federal advocacy programs throughout the past year.

★ **Florida Chapter Resident Award-Gary Izzo Memorial Scholarship Award:**

Established by the Florida Chapter ACP in memory of Gary F. Izzo; FPIC Vice President of Marketing and a personal friend to many Florida Chapter members; who devoted his life to improving the medical profession. The award is presented to a resident who, despite all the other pressures of being a resident, advocates to improve the practice of internal medicine.

Nomination Requirements: Nominees must be active members of the Florida Chapter, American College of Physicians. All submissions must include candidate's curriculum vitae, and a letter of nomination that includes a detailed statement of their activities for which he or she is being nominated and any other pertinent information.

Nominations for Awards due on or before August 14, 2026: Florida Chapter will notify both the nominator and awardee following the Awards Committee meeting. This year's Awards Ceremony scheduled on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at the Governor's Awards Reception. This event is in conjunction with the Chapter's Annual Scientific Meeting the weekend of October 23-25, 2026 at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, Fort Lauderdale FL. For questions and/or more information, please contact Dawn Moerings in the Chapter office by email DMoerings@floridachapteracp.org.

Thank you for your commitment and service to internal medicine.

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