ACP Minnesota Chapter
Laureate Awardees

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The Laureate Award honors those Fellows or Masters of the College 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, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians. The recipient of this award shall bear the title Laureate of the Minnesota Chapter.

It is with distinct pleasure that this year the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents the Laureate Award to Ellen Coffey, MD, FACP. Dr. Pandita is a longstanding 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.

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

-Calvin Coolidge
Dr. Ellen Coffey has been an ACP member since 2002. She graduated from the University of MN Medical School in 1991. She completed her internal medicine residency and chief residency at Hennepin Healthcare. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine and serves as a General Internal Medicine physician at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In the Laureate nomination, it stated that "Dr. Coffey is clinically smart, she is scientifically sound, she is compassionate to her fellow humans, she is wise, she is kind, she is diligent, she is thorough, she is focused on social justice. She is what the world needs in physicians."

Ellen Coffey has contributed over 30 years to her work in General Internal Medicine, where she embodied the highest ideals of being a physician, an educator, and a leader with remarkable commitment to mission and patients. She has dedicated her career to the care of the vulnerable and has a gift of immeasurable compassion for those who are suffering and struggling.

Her expertise and leadership have facilitated Medicine – Psychiatry Grand Rounds which are Interdisciplinary rounds co-led by staff in Medicine and Psychiatry, attended by nursing, pharmacy, nurse practitioners, and students from all disciplines.

She has also been actively involved in research on Decubitus ulcer reduction. These efforts worked to identify factors contributing to ulcers, and work with unit medical directors and others in incorporating best practices. Over a 2-year period they achieved a 75% reduction in the number of nosocomial pressure ulcers.

Dr. Coffey is a current active member of the American College of Physicians (ACP), has been a volunteer abstract judge for the MN-ACP for many years, and has contributed significantly to the organization. She is also a member of the Professional Advisory Board for the Minnesota Visiting Nursing Agency as well as on the Planning Committee for the National Kidney Foundation.

Dr. Coffey was recently awarded the prestigious Charles Bolles Bolles-Rogers Award. This highly regarded award from the Twin Cities Medical Society Foundation recognizes physicians who have made significant contributions and achievements in the medical profession. Dr. Coffey’s exemplary service and dedication to her patients and their families, her impactful teaching and clinical expertise that she has shared with our trainees and other health care professionals, and her deeply collegial way of being present for and supporting all of us make Dr. Coffey an ideal recipient of this tremendous honor.