Dear Members,

**The RI ACP Awards Committee is excited to announce a new process for awards and several new awards!** We now have five awards open to residents, members, fellows and masters. Any member of RI ACP is eligible to make nominations.

Awards include:

1. Milton Hamolsky Lifetime Achievement Award
2. Irving Beck Laureate Award
3. Distinguished Mentor Award
4. Resident/Fellow Recognition Award for Leadership
5. Woman Physician of the Year

**NOMINATING PROCESS FOR ALL AWARDS.** Nominating letter should include information useful in supporting consideration (see attached tips for letter writing)

* Second letter of support
* CV, optional but encouraged

**Nominations for all awards are due by January 15, 2020.**

**Send all letters of support to** **riacpinfo@gmail.com**

Thank you,

The Awards Committee

Tom Bledsoe, James Crowley, Nishi Dedania, Alex Diaz de Villalvilla, Audrey Kupchan, Michelle Lally, Kelly McGarry, Donald Rice, Harlan Rich, Ankur Shah, Fred Schiffman, and Sundaresan Sambandam

**RI ACP Awards for 2020**

**Milton Hamolsky Lifetime Achievement Award**

This American College of Physicians-authorized laureate award is presented annually to a physician in practice who is a senior College member, usually at the Fellow or Master level. The award is given in recognition of academic, clinical, research, and/or administrative excellence to a physician who epitomizes the attributes of the award’s namesake, Dr. Milton Hamolsky. This individual should exemplify the College's mission "to enhance the quality and effectiveness of healthcare by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.” The award may be given posthumously. To be considered, nominees must be Fellows/Masters as of June 30th, 2019.

One nominating and at least one supporting letter should address:

* What qualities the nominee demonstrates exemplify the College's mission?
* What significant contributions or achievements has the nominee made in any of the above areas?

**Irving Beck Laureate Award**

The Laureate Award recognizes a Fellow or Master of the College who has demonstrated, by his/her example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, and research, and/or service to their community, their chapter, and the ACP. Nominees may have outstanding achievements in any of a wide variety of areas, including leadership, medical practice, research, teaching, publications, advocacy, and/or volunteerism. This individual should exemplify the College's mission "to enhance the quality and effectiveness of healthcare by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine." A Laureate nominee is usually a senior physician who has:

* Been a Fellow or Master of the College for at least 15 to 20 years
* Achieved a long history of excellence and peer approval in the specialty of internal medicine
* Served the chapter and community with distinction or in some clearly definable manner
* To be considered, nominees must be Fellows/Masters as of June 30th, 2019

One nominating and at least one supporting letter should address:

* What qualities the nominee demonstrates exemplify the College's mission?
* What significant contributions or achievements has the nominee made in any of the above areas?

**Distinguished Mentor Award**

This award is presented to an individual in recognition of his/her career commitment to mentoring and significantly impacting the education and careers of students, residents, or colleagues. The nominee should be highly regarded for integrity, professionalism, altruism, leadership, a sustained interest in mentoring and would appropriately be described as a role model. The candidate should have a track record for mentoring members of the RI-ACP and implementing ideas/programs that promote faculty and trainee success.

The nominee should be an ACP member in good standing at the member, fellow, or master level as of June 30th, 2019. One nominating and at least one supporting letter should address:

* What qualities the nominee demonstrated exemplify the College's mission?
* What significant contributions has the nominee made to the careers of students, residents, and colleagues?

**Resident/Fellow Recognition Award for Leadership**

The Resident/Fellow Leadership Award recognizes a resident or fellow with qualities that exemplify the College's mission to "enhance the quality and effectiveness of healthcare by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine." By virtue of their compassionate and dedicated character, the candidate should be engaged in projects or programs enhancing the quality, access, or delivery of healthcare on a local or regional level, or contributing to the education and wellness of patients, physicians, or the community. Candidates may be nominated by peers or attending physicians/program directors.

Eligible residents/fellows must be an ACP member at the member as of June 30th, 2019. One nomination letter and at least one supporting letter should address the following:

* How the resident’s contributions have specifically impacted healthcare access and quality and/or the wellness and education of specific groups of people.
* Describe the characteristics the resident demonstrates and give examples to support these characteristics
* Evidence of how the resident has fostered excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine

**Woman Physician of the Year**

This award honors an outstanding woman physician with a distinguished career in areas of exceptional patient care, medical education and/or research. The nominee should demonstrate the characteristics of strength, passion, and perseverance, as well as evidence of the ability to empower other women physicians. Eligible women physicians must be an ACP member at the member, fellow, or master level as of June 30th, 2019. One nominating and at least one supporting letter should address:

* How the physician’s achievements have specifically allowed her to distinguish herself in the areas of patient care, education, and/or research
* Describe the characteristics she demonstrates and give examples to support these characteristics
* Evidence of how she has empowered other women physicians through her contributions to their own careers