

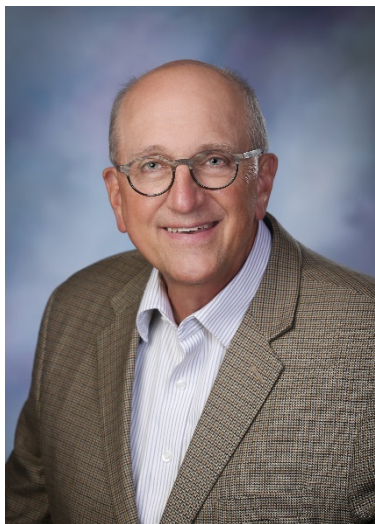
Previous Winners

1992	Harold A. Braun, MD, FACP
1994	Francis John Allaire, MD, FACP
1995	William A. Reynolds, MD, FACP
1995	Warren D. Bowman Jr., MD, FACP
1996	Richard F. LeBlonde, MD, FACP
1998	Ronald H. Smith, MD, FACP
2001	Elton J. Adams, MD, FACP
2003	Ronald V. Loge, FACP
2005	Robert A. Kreisberg, MD, MACP
2006	Phillip E. Griffin, MD, FACP
2007	Kenneth V. Eden, MD, FACP
2008	Jay L. Larson, MD, FACP
2009	Robert G. Byron, MD, MPH, FACP
2010	David W. Jordan, MD, FACP
2011	Susan J. Effertz, MD, FACP
2012	H. Eric Hughson, MD, FACP
2013	Jim A. Yturri, MD, FACP
2014	Pamela Hiebert, MD, FACP
2015	Steven M. Chrzanowski, MD, FACP
2016	Brett N. Kronenberger, MD, FACP
2017	Charlotte R. Nelson, MD, FACP
2018	Bradford A. Bergman, MD, FACP
2019	Ann M. Bukacek, MD, FACP



Montana Chapter 2020 Laureate Award

Steven J. Gerstner MD, FACP



Steven J. Gerstner is a Wyoming native growing up on a small ranch in the rural Ten Sleep area. He and his wife have been married 37 years and have a son, Colin who is an attorney in Billings and a daughter Elizabeth who is a hospitalist PA at Billings Clinic. They both are married and Colin and his wife have four children. His wife Doris is very involved in volunteer work, is a treasurer for two churches. Dr. Gerstner enjoys spending time his with family, fly-fishing and working on building his second drift boat.

Dr. Gerstner obtained his BS degree at the University of Wyoming, attended medical school at UCLA and completed his residency at the University of Washington in 1989. He has been a general internist at Billings Clinic. He has been involved in teaching WWAMI 3rd year clerks from the beginning and has coordinated or co-coordinated the Billings rotation ever since Ron Smith, MD, MACP who started the clerkship in Billings, retired in 2002. Dr. Gerstner has served on the WWAMI Admissions Committee for the past six years, completing his term as the chair this January.

In 2013 Billings Clinic launched their first internal medicine residency program and he has served as an associate program director from the beginning. He spends approximately half of his time precepting in both the outpatient and inpatient settings and has enjoyed watching the program develop. The residency program now has 24 categorical residents plus 4 residents doing preliminary years as interns before going on to their specialty residencies. The mission is to supply internists for the region and as of this fall the program will have graduates in Lewistown, Sheridan Wyoming, and six at the Billings Clinic.

Between residents, WWAMI students, fantastic colleagues, and his own practice, he truly believes he has the best job ever!

Dr. Gerstner became a member of the American College of Physicians in 1993, and was inducted as a Fellow in 2004. In 2017 he became a member of the Montana Chapter Governor's Council and was elected Governor of the Montana Chapter in 2020.

Honors for Dr. Gerstner include:

Recipient of the Montana Chapter 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award
Recipient of the Montana Chapter 2017 Resident Teacher Award
Faculty Enhancement and Educational Development Program – certificate in Core Clinical Teaching (2015)
Operational Excellence Yellow Belt – certificate of training completion (2015)
Outstanding Teacher Award, presented by WWAMI students (2010-2011)
Alpha Omega Alpha, University of Washington (2010)

The Laureate Award honors Fellows and 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. It is with distinct pleasure that this year the Montana Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents the Laureate Award to Steven J. Gerstner, MD, FACP.