American College of Physicians

Laureate Award

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Orange Beach, Alabama
It is with distinct pleasure that the Alabama Chapter honors Fellows of the American College of Physicians. These physicians are long-standing and loyal supporters of the College, have rendered distinguished service to their Chapter, and have upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the American College of Physicians is known.

We salute and honor them on this occasion and we wish them well in the future.

John F. Burnum, MD, FACP
ACP Governor, Alabama Chapter
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The Laureate Award honors those Fellows of the American College of Physicians who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, research, and service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians.

Awards shall be made at the annual regional meeting. The awardee should accept this recognition in person, unless excused by the Governor. The awardee is to be nominated by a process that may originate from the Awards Committee or any member of the Chapter. The nomination must document the personal attributes and accomplishments of the nominee.

It is expected that the awardees will be senior physicians and Fellows for at least 15 to 20 years, with a long history of excellence and peer approval in the specialty of internal medicine. It is also expected that they will have served their Chapter with distinction as Governor or in some other clearly definable manner. Exceptional circumstances may modify these requirements.

JACK J. KIRSCHENFELD, MD, FACP

The Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents a Laureate Award to Jack J. Kirschenfeld, MD, FACP, in recognition of his outstanding career in the practice and teaching of internal medicine.

Dr. Kirschenfeld obtained his medical degree with honors from New York University College of Medicine. After internship at Queen’s General Hospital, it was Alabama’s good fortune that he completed his training in the Air Force Hospital at Montgomery, Alabama. This was followed by a short but happy career as a flight surgeon in World War II.

From 1946 to 1960, Dr. Kirschenfeld had a tremendously successful and intellectually fruitful experience practicing rural internal medicine in Ft. Deposit, Alabama. Here his keen inquisitive mind gave birth to some fundamental, widely read reports of his experience with anemia in office practice. Always a citizen as well as a physician, in 1959 he was his town’s “Man of the Year.”

Since 1969, Dr. Kirschenfeld has practiced internal medicine in Montgomery, Alabama. In 1979, in recognition of his superior abilities as a teacher and administrator as well as a practitioner, he was appointed professor of medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine and named program director of the Montgomery Internal Medicine Residency Program.
Dr. Kirschfeld is Board-certified in both internal medicine and family practice. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians as well as the College of Chest Physicians and College of Cardiology. He received the 1979 Internist of the Year Award from the American Society of Internal Medicine. Dr. Kirschfeld has been active in civic affairs as well as serving on numerous local and state medical committees.

For years he has been a steadfast supporter of Alabama Chapter ACP activities. Our state meetings would not have been the same without him. For all this and for all that you have meant to your patients, your students and residents, your community, and your family, we in the College salute you.

JOHN M. PACKARD, MD, FACP

The Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents a Laureate Award to John M. Packard, MD, FACP, in recognition of his distinguished career as a practitioner and administrator-teacher of internal medicine.

Dr. Packard had a storybook education. Born in Saranac Lake, New York, he went to St. Columba's College in Dublin, Ireland. He received his bachelor of science degree from Yale and then attended Harvard for his medical degree with honors. He interned at Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, and had residency training at the Brigham Hospital in Boston and with the Navy in Pensacola, Florida.

After a successful private practice in cardiology and internal medicine in Pensacola from 1954 to 1968, he moved to Birmingham to become assistant to the vice president for health affairs at UAB and associate dean and professor of medicine in the medical school. From 1973 to 1976 he was dean of the College of Community Health Sciences-University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, where he was also active in teaching and had leadership positions in staff activities at the local hospitals. Since 1976, Dr. Packard has been director of medical education for the Baptist Medical Centers of Birmingham.
Dr. Packard is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Cardiology, the Council of Clinical Cardiology, and the Royal Society of Medicine. He has received distinguished service awards from the Heart Association, the Birmingham Community Service Council, and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

In 1988, he was named Internist of the Year by the Alabama Chapter of the American Society of Internal Medicine. Dr. Packard has been a Diplomate of the National Board of Internal Medicine since 1953 and has been a strong and dependable voice in Alabama Chapter ACP activities for over 20 years. Throughout his career, he has given unselfishly of his time to a variety of civic and church activities.

For your devotion to your family, church, and community, for being a model practitioner, teacher, and administrator, and for your kind heart, we salute you.