Laureate Award

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.

The recipient of this award shall bear the title Laureate of the Alabama Chapter.

This award shall be presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The awardee should accept the 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 from any member of the Chapter. The nomination must document the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee.

The awardee should be a senior physician and Fellow or Master of long-standing with acknowledged excellence and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, the awardee should have served the Chapter with distinction.

It is with distinct pleasure that this year, the Alabama Chapter presents the Laureate Award to Bill W. Boyd, MD, FACP and Dennis G. Delgado, MD, FACP. Dr. Boyd and Dr. Delgado are long-standing and loyal supporters of the College, have rendered distinguished service to the Chapter, and have upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

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

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

-Calvin Coolidge
Bill W. Boyd, MD, FACP

Dr. Boyd is a native of York, Alabama. He attended Yale University and graduated with a BA in English in 1970. He completed medical school at the University of Alabama in 1975. He returned to Mobile where he had spent part of his early life and completed Internal Medicine internship and residency, as well as a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine at the University of South Alabama. Much of his tutelage was under the watchful eye of Dr. John Bass, Past ACP Governor of the Alabama Chapter. Dr. Boyd is a Diplomat of both the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Subspecialty Board in Pulmonary Diseases.

In 1980 Dr. Boyd entered the private practice of Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Disease in Montgomery, Alabama. He moved to Montgomery’s Baptist Health System in 2000 to serve as Vice President of Medical Affairs and Systems Medical Director. In this position, Dr. Boyd integrated regional health care in a system encompassing 4,700 employees working in five hospitals, two surgery centers, two nursing homes, taught clinics, and other related services. He moved to the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System in 2005 and continues to work there as an emergency physician.

Dr. Boyd is a member of the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. He is a member of the Alabama Thoracic Society and the American Thoracic Society. He is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians an active member of the Alabama Chapter. He is a member and past officer of the Chapter’s Board of Directors.

Bill and Beverly Boyd will be married 34 years on June 4th. They have two daughters, Elizabeth and Jessamyn. Dr. Boyd remains true to his training in English at Yale and is a strong supporter and long-time participant in the Alabama Chapter’s annual Literature and Medicine Retreat.

Dennis G. Delgado, MD, FACP

Dr. Delgado was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. He attended the University of South Florida in Tampa. In 1974 he graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine where he was elected Secretary of the Student Council and was selected for induction into Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed an Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine and then a Fellowship in Infectious Disease at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. In 1979 he joined the faculty of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa as an Assistant Professor of Medicine and received the faculty Recognition Award by the Junior Class for Outstanding contributions to Undergraduate Medical Education.

In 1981 Dr. Delgado went into private practice at the Watson Clinic in Lakeland, Florida. He returned to Alabama in 1983 where he has practiced Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease at the Norwood Clinic and Carraway Methodist Medical Center. Since 1989 he has been the Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Carraway and an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UAB. He has received the Excellence in Teaching Award eight times from the residents at Carraway and has been named to the Best Doctors in America in Infectious Disease for the past six years.

Dr. Delgado has been a member of the American College of Physicians since 1979 and advanced to Fellowship in 1991. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Chapter and on the Associates Training committee. He has co-authored several articles and a book chapter in Infectious Disease.

Dennis and Martha Delgado have been married for 37 years. They have three children and one grandchild. He is an avid tennis player and has won several amateur tennis tournaments. He also enjoys music and played the saxophone professionally during his pre-med years.