Laureate Award

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 recipients of this award shall bear the title: Laureate of the Connecticut Chapter.

It is with distinct pleasure that this year the Connecticut Chapter presents the Laureate Award to:

REBECCA ANDREWS, MD, FACP

Dr. Andrews received her bachelor's and master's degree in biology at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, MA before relocating to Connecticut for medical school at the University of Connecticut. She remained at the university to complete a residency including a chief medical resident year. Upon completing her residency, she practiced for three years at a community health center where she served as the medical director and a member of the company’s QA/QI team. Dr. Andrews joined the faculty at UConn in 2009 where she developed the Office Based Medicine track and developed patient-directed care pathways for chronic disease care. This track served as the basis for a HRSA Primary Care Expansion Grant that she co-directs with Dr. Steven Angus at the University of CT. Dr. Andrews is currently the Director of the General Medicine Associates practices at the University of Connecticut and an Assistant Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency. As such, she is involved in the daily activities of the resident ambulatory clinic, mentoring, teaching, and increasing the quality of delivered care. She continues to see patients as a primary care provider and was recognized as a “Top Doctor” by Connecticut magazine and recently returned from a medical mission trip to Kisoro, Uganda. As a medical student Dr Andrews was awarded the ACP-ASIM Internal Medicine Award which marked her transition into the organization. She expanded her involvement with the ACP during her time at the community health center. A dinner meeting transitioned to a role in the “key contact” program which further evolved into an opportunity for state leadership in her role as Co-Chair for the Connecticut Communication Skills Faculty. At Saint Mary’s Hospital, he also taught residents on home visits to patients and served as an attending on the inpatient teaching service. Dr. Ouellette remains committed to excellence and compassion in patient care, professionalism, humanistic values, and dedication to lifelong learning and teaching. It is with distinct pleasure the Connecticut Chapter presents his year’s Award to:

JASON OU ELLETTE, MD, FACP

Dr. Ouellette graduated Cum Laude from Boston University School of Medicine in 2001, where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. He subsequently completed his residency training in Internal Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital/Yale University School of Medicine. In 2008, he joined the faculty of the Yale Primary Care Program at Saint Mary’s Hospital where he subsequently stayed to become Associate Program Director for the, at that time, new Saint Mary’s Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Ouellette was very involved in the development of the new Program from the ground up and eventually became Residency Program Director in 2009. As Residency Program Director, he has been very active in involving his residents in the ACP. Within the ACP, he was elected to fellowship and has served as the Chairman of the Associate’s Council and as a poster judge at numerous regional meetings. In 2011, he was named the Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Saint Mary’s Hospital and was recently named Chairman of the Department of Medicine in December, 2013. Dr. Ouellette is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Yale University School of Medicine and a member of the Communication Skills Faculty. At Saint Mary’s Hospital, he is a member of multiple committees, continues to see patients in a primary care practice and serves as an attending on the inpatient teaching service. Dr. Ouellette remains committed to resident and medical student education, excellence in patient care, and the development of the Department of Medicine at Saint Mary’s Hospital.

UCONN Internal Medicine Award

In 2012, Dr. Andrews received the Richard Neubauer award for her role in state leadership in her role as Co-Chair for the Connecticut Communication Skills Faculty. At Saint Mary’s Hospital, he also taught residents on home visits to patients and served as an attending on the inpatient teaching service. Dr. Ouellette remains committed to excellence and compassion in patient care, professionalism, humanistic values, and dedication to lifelong learning and teaching. It is with distinct pleasure the Connecticut Chapter presents his year’s Award to:

JOSEPH F. ANDREWS, JR., MD

Born in Norwalk, CT, Dr. Andrews attended local schools and graduated from Yale College in 1964 with a BA in English. He graduated from Yale Medical School in 1968 and was honored with membership in AOA. After two years of residency at Yale he served in the US Navy at Portsmouth, New Hampshire at both the Naval Hospital and at the Naval Disciplinary Command. He then resumed residency at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT serving as Chief Resident in Medicine under Dr. Stephen Salukiv. In 1974 he joined the medical staff at Norwalk Hospital and practiced there until 2007, having served as Chief of the Medical staff from 1992 until 1997. Dr. Andrews was honored to win three house staff teaching awards in 1976, 1999, and 2000. He also taught residents on home visits to patients and served voluntarily at the Americares Clinic in South Norwalk. He retired from internal medicine practice and came to The Connecticut Hospice in September, 2007. He stated it has been an honor to work in this renowned institution, the first Hospice in the United States. Presently, Dr. Andrews is serving on the Governor’s Palliative Care Advisory Committee and has testified before the State Legislature on matters including assisted suicide, medical ethics, and the legalization of marijuana among other subjects. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and in Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine.

Distinguished Internist Award

This Award is established by the Connecticut Chapter to recognize excellence and compassion in patient care, professionalism, humanistic values, and dedication to lifelong learning and teaching. It is with distinct pleasure the Connecticut Chapter presents his year’s Award to:

Francis Weld Peabody

One of the essential qualities of the clinician is interest in humanity, for the secret in the care of the patient is caring for the patient.

Francis Weld Peabody
George F. Thornton Teaching Award

The George F. Thornton Award is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions to medical education. It recognizes the individual’s excellence in clinical teaching as well as his or her motivational impact on students, residents, and attendings. In honor of their outstanding contribution to medical education and their enthusiastic sharing of knowledge which has been an inspiration to generations of students, residents, and attendings, the George F. Thornton Award is presented to:

Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD, FACP, FACG

Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD, FACP, FACG graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine. She practices primary care internal medicine and is medical director of the Clinical Skills Assessment Program. Dr. Fisher graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 1975; served as Chief of GI at the VAMC, West Haven, CT from 1977-87; Program Director of Internal Medicine at Yale in 1987-98 and is presently Professor of Medicine and Director/Associate Dean of GME at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Yale University School of Medicine. She has served on multiple editorial boards. She is a member of the American Gastroenterology Association, the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, the American College of Gastroenterology (including being a past Trustee). She has also served on the Council of the Association of Program Directors of Internal Medicine (APDIM); Chair of the Group on Patient Affairs of the ACP; Chair of the Internal Medicine RRC of the ACGME; and a member of the ACGME Board of Directors. She is presently Chair of the Council of Faculty and Academic Societies of the AAMC and sits on the AAMC Board of Directors. In 1996, she was awarded the Jensen Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Gastroenterology, and in 2006, was one of two recipients of the first ACGME "Courage to Lead" Awards. She has been awarded the Diana Dukas Foundation Award of APDIM. She serves on the Governor’s Council of the Connecticut Chapter of the ACP. Dr. Fisher has been a visiting professor at over 20 different institutions, published over 150 articles, chapters, editorials and abstracts and given over 50 invited presentations.

Lynn Kosowicz, MD, FACP

Lynn Kosowicz is Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. She practices primary care internal medicine and is medical director of the Clinical Skills Assessment Program. Dr. Kosowicz graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 1986. She completed her internal medicine residency at the University of Connecticut Health Center and joined the faculty in 1991. Dr. Kosowicz's academic career has focused on the development of clinical skills of medical students. She enjoys teaching and mentoring students in her clinical office as well as in the Clinical Skills program, and has served as the Clinical Medicine Course director and medical director of the Student Continuation Program. Dr. Kosowicz serves on the steering committee of the Northeast Group on Educational Affairs of AAMC, and is northeast representative to the Group on Educational Affairs, Undergraduate section. She previously served on the ACP Connecticut Chapter Governer's Council, and has reviewed submissions for ACP and AAMC meetings and several medical education journals. Dr. Kosowicz has published and presented nationally and internationally, and is currently engaged in research to improve clinical skills curricula. Dr. Kosowicz has volunteered with International Medical Corps in Haiti, and South Park Inn Shelter and Migrant Farm clinic in Connecticut. She has received the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, South Park Physician of the Year Award and Hartford County Medical Association Community Service Award. Dr. Kosowicz and her husband have four daughters, one of whom is an Internal Medicine resident.

M. Saud Anwar, MD

Dr. Anwar is a subspecialist in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Anwar studied medicine at Yale University and then joined Yale’s Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. After completing his fellowship, Dr. Anwar earned a Master’s Degree in Public Health (MPH) from Yale. Dr. Anwar was awarded his medical degree from Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan. He is currently Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine of Manchester Memorial and Rockville General Hospitals and is Medical Director of Clinically Integrated Network of Eastern Connecticut. He is a member of The American Thoracic Society and a Fellow of The American College of Chest Physicians. Dr. Anwar has served as an expert witness in complicated legal cases involving Lung Diseases and Occupational Medicine. He has authored chapters for medical textbooks and written editorials for the Huffington Post and other publications. Dr. Anwar is being recognized by the chapter for his involvement in multiple volunteer and civic activities. His efforts to coordinate a response in the aftermath of September 11th received official recognition from the American Red Cross. In 2010 he received a Community Service Recognition Award from the Pakistani American Association of Connecticut (PAACT). He volunteered for the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Immigration and Refugee Coalition. He has testified before the 109th Congress for the Committee on Homeland Security. On his own time, he gives talks on educational topics related to diversity in health, diversity in education, diversity in communities and peace-building.

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