Past Georgia Chapter Laureate Award Winners

1988 Carter Smith, Sr., MD, MACP
1988 Bill Waters, III, MD, FACP

The following two members won Laureate awards either in 1989 or 1990, specific year unknown:
• Paul F. Jurgensen, MD, FACP
• Ralph A. Murphy, Jr., MD, FACP

1991 Waddell Barnes, MD
1991 Linton H. Bishop, Jr., MD, FACP
1992 Tully T. Blalock, MD, FACP
1993 Robert Copeland, MD, MACP
1995 Charles E. Harrison, Jr., MD, FACP
1996 Louis L. Battey, MD, FACP
1997 Benjamin B. Okel, MD, FACP
1998 Charles B. Upshaw, Jr., MD, FACP
1999 Mark E. Silverman, MD, FACP
2000 Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, MD, MACP
2001 Joel D. Todino, MD, FACP
2002 Vincent M. Nicolais, MD, FACP
2003 Joseph W. Stubbs, MD, FACP
2004 Barry D. Silverman, MD, FACP
2005 J. Leonard Lichtenfeld, MD, FACP
2006 Robert J. Di Benedetto, MD, FACP
2007 Jacqueline W. Fincher, MD, FACP
2008 Ruth-Marie E. Fincher, MD, MACP
2009 Evan B. Weisman, MD, FACP
2010 Henry M. Patton, MD, FACP
2010 Walter J. Moore, MD, FACP
2011 Joyce P. Doyle, MD, FACP
2012 T. Andrew Albritton, MD, FACP

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

-Calvin Coolidge
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 Georgia 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 Georgia Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents the Laureate Award to Edwin Walker Grimsley, MD, FACP. Dr. Grimsley is a long-standing and loyal supporter of the College, has rendered distinguished service to the Chapter, and has upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

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

Jacqueline W. Fincher, MD, MACP
Governor, Georgia Chapter

2013 Georgia Chapter Laureate Awardee Edwin Walker Grimsley, MD, FACP

Edwin Walker Grimsley, MD, FACP is a native of Bainbridge, Georgia where he graduated from Bainbridge High School. He then attended the University of Georgia receiving a BS in Pharmacy in 1982. Dr. Grimsley attended and graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 1986, then completed his residency in internal medicine at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia. Dr. Grimsley was in private practice for three years before joining the faculty in Savannah. In Savannah, he served in various roles including Associate Program Director, Program Director, and Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine. During his time in Savannah, he worked very closely with Dr. Mark Silverman and Dr. Robert Dibenedetto in establishing the Georgia ACP associates meeting and competition. During his tenure in Savannah, he was also awarded the J. Willis Hurst bedside teaching award in 1996 by the GAACP and was voted attending of the year numerous times by the internal medicine residents and Mercer University School of Medicine students.

In 2003, he moved to the main Mercer Campus in Macon, Georgia where he is currently located. He is Professor of Internal Medicine, Vice-Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and Internal Medicine Residency Program Director. He also serves as the Associate Chair for Education for the Department of Internal Medicine. He has been voted Outstanding Internal Medicine Faculty by the Mercer medical students on several occasions as well as Attending of the Year by the internal medicine residents five times. At Mercer, he is the Chair of the Graduate Medical Education Committee and is on the Student Appraisal and Promotions Committee.

Dr. Grimsley became a fellow in the American College of Physicians in 1999 and has been very active in the Associate’s part of the Georgia ACP since 1992. He has served on the Governor’s Advisory Council (GAC) for many years as well as serving as Program Chair for the annual meeting and on the awards committee for the past several years. Dr. Grimsley is married to Peggy Lee Grimsley of Jessup, Georgia and they have two children, Elizabeth Lee Grimsley of Macon and Walker Grimsley who is a freshman at The University of Georgia. He is a member of the North Macon Presbyterian Church, the Bibb County Medical Society, the American College of Physicians and the Medical Association of Georgia.