The Kansas American College of Physicians is pleased to announce its 2017 Award Winners

Early Career Physician of the Year

John Bonino, MD

This award recognizes an ACP member who has been a major contributor to the chapter either locally or nationally, within 16 years of medical school graduation.

Dr. John Bonino is a native of the Kansas City area, and a graduate of Rockhurst High School and Saint Louis University. He completed his medical school, internal medicine residency, and gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He has been in practice since 2008, and returned to the University of Kansas Medical Center as an assistant professor and staff gastroenterologist in 2010. Dr. Bonino has served as chairman of the medical advisory committee for the Kansas City chapter of the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America. In this capacity he has presented at several community educational events including: CCFA educational patient conferences, the KC chapter of the Nurses Wound and Ostomy Society (WOCN), and KC Chapter of the Society of GI Nurses Association annual meeting. He joined as an associate program director for the Internal Medicine residency program five years ago. During his tenure in that position he has had a significant role in coordinating programs to reduce resident trainee burnout, prepare and advise residents in the subspecialty fellowship application process, and launch a curriculum dedicated to acclimating residents to business and legal issues related to practicing medicine. His gastroenterology practice includes a particular interest in treating patients with inflammatory bowel disease. He has been recognized in the field of gastroenterology by Kansas City Magazine as a peer preferred provider for 2016 and 2017. In 2017 he was named to the peer-selected “Top Doctors in Kansas City” list published by 435 Magazine. Dr. Bonino continues to serve the chapter and the Kansas Medical Education Community as the Steward of the Mahlon H Delp fund. He took over the stewardship of the fund from Dr. Allan Fleming, and is committed to maintaining the lasting legacy in memory of Dr. Mahlon H Delp. The Delp fund provides substantial support for resident and medical student activities through the chapter and the School of Medicine.

Julie Nguyen is a third year resident in the Kansas City program. She completed her undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Kansas. Julie is widely recognized by both faculty and staff as a superb clinician. Her bedside approach as an empathetic physician has been highlighted over the course of her training. Her communication skills, demonstrated with both patients and their families, have been repeatedly been highlighted by her supervising faculty. She is widely recognized by her resident colleagues for her tireless work ethic, patience, and strong leadership skills. Her scholarship productivity has included presentations at both the Kansas ACP and American College of Gastroenterology annual meetings. She has also published in peer-reviewed medical journals. Despite a busy resident schedule, she continues to be active in a number of translational and clinical research research endeavors. Following graduation she will remain in the Kansas City area as a hospitalist.

Dr. Kyle Rowe was attracted to medicine because of the opportunity to commit to service to others. He draws inspiration from his children to role model the type of person in which they can emulate. It was from this inspiration that Dr. Rowe found a profession requiring lifelong learning, commitment and a passion for helping people. Not surprisingly, it was internal medicine where he felt most at home where knowledge of the intricate systems of the human body and passion integrating complex systems intersect to fully understand the complete diagnostic picture. Through his passion, work ethic and thirst for knowledge, he continues to role model for more junior learnings receiving accolades for teaching as well as guidance. Through his residency in internal medicine, Dr. Rowe has been a leader among his peers and in the community. His knowledge and passion are shared through his teaching and mentoring of junior residents and medical students. He exhibits an extraordinary work ethic with persistent dedication to each patient going above and beyond to serve.
Dr. Brad Marples graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1983, and completed his internship and residency there in 1986. In 1986-87, he and his wife, Aileen McCarthy MD, FACP, were Chief Residents in Internal Medicine at KU for Dr Norton J Greenberger. The Chief Residents produced the second edition of the Medical Book of Lists along with Dr Greenberger that year, which was an interesting undertaking. In 1987, Dr Marples and Dr McCarthy moved to Topeka to join the teaching faculty there for the KU Internal Medicine residents who rotated to Topeka. Both Dr Marples and Dr McCarthy had enjoyed being in Topeka during their residencies and it gave them the nice mix of teaching and private practice that they have enjoyed. Dr Marples has been a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at KUMC. At KUMC Dr Marples was Alpha Omega Alpha and was awarded the Outstanding Intern in Medicine award by the Internal Medicine department in KC. In Topeka, Dr Marples became President of the Kansas Medical Education Foundation, the group responsible for student and resident education in Topeka as well as much of the community CME. Subsequently he became Executive Director of that organization from 1994 to 2004. As the number of Internal Medicine residents decreased in the late 1980’s, Topeka embarked on their own Family Medicine Residency program and Dr Marples served as Chairman of the Board for that endeavor from 1991 to 2001. Increasing the number of primary care providers in Kansas has long been a goal in which he was interested. Dr Marples had a primary care Internal Medicine practice at the Cotton O’Neil Clinic in Topeka for 17 years and during that time; he became more and more interested in electronic medical records. In 2004, he left the practice of medicine to devote himself fulltime to development of the EMR in the practice, a job that continues today. Advancing computers in medicine has been a rewarding challenge in the practice, now integrated with Stormont Vail Health and having over 240 physicians.

Dr Marples has been an ACP member since his days as a resident at KU and advanced to Fellowship in 2016. He has served on several chapter committees, been to Leadership Day and helped lobby the Kansas legislature. He resides in Topeka with his wife of 34 years, Aileen and they have two grown children, Ian and Kirsten. His hobby is collecting and repairing old toy trains and he looks forward to more time to do that in the not too distant future.