

## Previous Winners

1992	Harold A. Braun, MD, FACP
1994	Francis John Allaire, MD, FACP
1995	William A. Reynolds, MD, FACP
1995	Warren D. Bowman Jr., MD, FACP
1996	Richard F. LeBlonde, MD, FACP
1998	Ronald H. Smith, MD, FACP
2001	Elton J. Adams, MD, FACP
2003	Ronald V. Loge, FACP
2005	Robert A. Kreisberg, MD, MACP
2006	Phillip E. Griffin, MD, FACP
2007	Kenneth V. Eden, MD, FACP
2008	Jay L. Larson, MD, FACP
2009	Robert G. Byron, MD, MPH, FACP
2010	David W. Jordan, MD, FACP
2011	Susan J. Effertz, MD, FACP
2012	H. Eric Hughson, MD, FACP
2013	Jim A. Yturri, MD, FACP
2014	Pamela Hiebert, MD, FACP
2015	Steven M. Chrzanowski, MD, FACP
2016	Brett N. Kronenberger, MD, FACP
2017	Charlotte R. Nelson, MD, FACP
2018	Bradford A. Bergman, MD, FACP



# 2019 Laureate Award



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## Montana Chapter 2019 Laureate Award Ann M. Bukacek, MD, FACP



Ann M. Bukacek, MD, FACP, is the founder of Hosanna Healthcare in Kalispell, where she has been providing quality health care for families for over 25 years. She is known and loved by many in the Flathead Valley and was voted the Best Physician in Flathead County in 2012 and 2019.

In 1986 Dr. Bukacek received her medical degree from the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago. She completed her internship and internal medicine residency at the Oregon Health Sciences University in 1989. She was one of only two awarded the Humanism and Teaching awards in 1988 and 1989.

As an advocate for her patients and the medical profession, she serves on the Legislative Committee for the Montana Medical Association. She is also a member of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, served on the Steering Committee for the Montana Chapter of the Coalition to Protect Patient Rights in 2008. She has done peer review work for the Montana Pacific Quality Health Foundation and previously served on the Peer Review Committee at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. In 2000 she was on the American Board of Internal Medicine's Diabetes Practice Improvement Model Committee and was chosen as one of six physicians in the nation to help develop the models for national recertification for internal medicine physicians. Dr. Bukacek is the author of the book *The Best You Can Be One Day at a Time—A Weight Loss Program That Works*.

Dr. Bukacek joined the American College of Physicians in 1991 and was inducted as a Fellow in 2009. She serves on the Montana Chapter Governor's Advisory Council as Secretary and on the Montana Chapter Advocacy Committee. She represented the Montana Chapter at Leadership Day in Washington, DC, in 2019. As an active member, she chaired the Montana Chapter Scientific Meeting in 2008 and has attended numerous council meetings, annual chapter meetings, and Big Sky hospitalist meetings.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. Bukacek, a widow, has 5 children and 12 grandchildren. Her hobbies include hiking, biking, enjoying family and friends, and fighting for justice.

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. It is with distinct pleasure that this year the Montana Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents the Laureate Award to Ann M. Bukacek, MD, FACP.