

The South Dakota ACP is pleased to announce its 2018 Award Winners

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Early Career Physician of the Year Kelly M. Evans-Hullinger, MD

This award honors an internist who is practicing in the state of South Dakota and is within sixteen years of graduation from medical school. The recipient demonstrates the ideals of the profession and maintains an active role in the SD ACP.

Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD is a native of Brookings. She graduated from South Dakota State University in 2006 with a degree in microbiology and competed for the Jackrabbit golf team. Kelly completed her medical degree at USD Sanford School of Medicine in 2012, where she received the Dean's Academic Achievement Award for her class and served as president of Alpha Omega Alpha. Kelly finished the Internal Medicine Residency, Primary Care Track at the University of Colorado in Denver in 2015. She went on to serve as Chief Medical Resident, getting a crash course in academic medicine, teaching, and administration in 2015-2016. Dr. Evans moved back to Brookings and started practice in general internal medicine with the Avera Brookings Medical Group in 2016, where she continues to practice the full spectrum of general internal medicine. In addition to her practice, she volunteers as Interim Medical Director of Brookings Hospice, serves as Antimicrobial Stewardship Medical Director for Brookings Health System, and is an occasional guest host for On Call with the Prairie Doc. Dr. Evans is a Clinical Assistant Professor with the USD Sanford School of Medicine and has mentored several medical students in her Brookings practice. Kelly has been an ACP member since medical school. She has attended ACP Leadership Day (2014, 2018), the South Dakota Annual Scientific Meeting (2016, 2017, 2018), served as Annual Meeting Chair (2017), and is current Chair of the Health and Public Policy Committee. Kelly spends most of her free time with family: husband Brodie Hullinger and their twin daughters Teddy and Zoey. She still enjoys playing golf in addition to exercise of all types and time with friends.



Teacher of the Year Travis B. Henderson, MD FACP

This award honors a member who exemplifies talent, enthusiasm, and professionalism in medical education. The recipient may demonstrate excellence in education at the medical student, graduate or continuing education level.

Travis Henderson is a native of Mobridge. He graduated with highest honors from South Dakota State University with a BS in biology in 1993. He earned his MD degree from the USD Sanford School of Medicine in 1997, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He completed an internal medicine residency at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, 2000, and then served four more years in the US Air Force as an internist at Scott AFB Medical Center in Illinois, earning the rank of Major. Dr. Henderson has been practicing the full spectrum of internal medicine at Mobridge Regional Hospital and Clinics in Mobridge since 2004. He is a clinical professor of medicine at USD Sanford School of Medicine. Dr. Henderson has served as the FARM Site Coordinator at Mobridge since the program's inception. In addition, he has taught medical students, nurse-practitioner students, and physician assistant students from various institutions over the years. Students have commented, "I consider Dr. Henderson to be one of the most influential teachers I have had the privilege of working with". Another student writes, "Despite a busy clinical practice Dr. Henderson always made time to teach and answer questions." "He gave me autonomy but then challenged me to think through differential diagnoses and care plans." "My physical exam skills improved dramatically after observing and being taught by Dr. Henderson." "One of the greatest lessons he taught me was how to treat patients with kindness, understanding and respect in all situations." "He gives each patient his full attention and is one of the best listeners I have observed in practice." "He is thoughtful in his approach to patient care and truly has the patient's best interest at heart." "He gave me a great example of what to strive for in my own practice." "His mentorship has been invaluable." Travis has been an ACP member since medical school. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Physicians since 2010. He is a regular attendee at the South Dakota Annual Scientific Meetings, has served as moderator on multiple occasions, presented "Have I Got a Case for You" and led a SEP module presentation. Travis earned the SD ACP Early Career Physician Award in 2007. Dr. Henderson and his wife, Misti, have four daughters who keep them busy with school and sporting events throughout the year. In his spare time, Dr. Henderson enjoys running, camping, hunting, and boating on the Missouri River with his family.