Alpha Omega Alpha
“Be Worthy to Serve the Suffering”

LCOM Gamma Chapter
Established 1953

November 19, 2019
National AΩA

- Established in 1902
  - Group of **medical students** at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago
  - Led by William Webster Root
- 120 chapters nationally/150,000 members
- 51 Nobel winners amongst AOA members
- 75% of deans at medical schools are members
- Annual AOA grants to students & faculty = $575,000
- www.alphaomegaalpha.org
Mission Statement

Dedicated to the belief that:

In the profession of medicine, we will improve care for all by:

• Recognizing high educational achievement
• Honoring gifted teaching
• Encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community
• Supporting the ideals of humanism; and
• Promoting service to others
UVM LCOM AΩA Chapter

- Chapter established 1953
- AOA Councilor
  - Marie Sandoval, M.D. (2018-2022)
  - Gilman Allen, M.D. (2013-2016)
- Associate Dean for Students
  - Christa Zehle, M.D.
- Medical student administrative support
  - Kiersten Hallquist
Student Selection

• ELIGIBILITY
  • Top 25% of class eligible for election
  • Based on Clerkship Honors (after rotation #7 grades posted for the respective class)
Student Selection

• FINAL SELECTION
  • Up to 1/6\(^{th}\) of graduating class
  • Scholastic Achievement
    • Leadership
    • Research
    • Humanism
    • Service
AΩA STUDENT MEMBERS 2020

- Thomas Luke Arnell
- Nicole A. Becher
- Nathan R. Benner
- Nathan Thomas Maue Dreyfus, 2020 AOA Vice President
- William Bayard Earle
- Eli A. Goldberg
- Caleb Daniel Knight, 2020 AOA President
- Isabella Kratzer
- Florence Lambert-Fliszar
- Samuel R. Logan

- Isabelle Mason
- Alexis M. Nadeau
- Andrew Pham
- Gregory Steven Roy
- Chad Serels
- Benjamin Frederick Smith (inducted with the Class of 2019)
- Danielle Smith
- Laura Thompson-Martin
- Vanessa Trieu
ΑΩΑ STUDENT MEMBERS 2019

- Holly Elizabeth Bachilas
- Cody James Couperus (Junior Inductee)
- Julia Lane Cowenhoven
- Florence Ann DiBiase (Junior Inductee)
- Lindsay Spencer Howe
- Margaret S Johnston (Junior Inductee)
- Daniel Austin Lambert
- Geordie Claire Lonza
- Samantha Jill Magier

- Michael Joseph Marallo
- Amber J. Meservey (Junior Inductee)
- Sravana Keerthy Paladugu
- Jacob Benjamin Reibel
- Allison B Robbins
- Maia J Sakradse
- Adam Michael Schlauch
- Quinn R Self
- Benjamin Frederick Smith
AΩA Services/Programs

• The Pharos
• Student research fellowships
• Student essay and poetry awards
• Medical student service leadership project
• Postgraduate award
• Distinguished teacher awards
• Volunteer clinical faculty award
• Visiting professorships

View AOA awards and scholarships opportunities for both members and non-members >>
Alpha Omega Alpha – The Pharos

- Published 4x/year

- Features:
  - Essays/articles
  - Poetry
  - National/chapter news
  - Physician at the movies
Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship

- One award annually per chapter
- Clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research
- $6000 in funding
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students are eligible
- More information available on the AOA Webpage…
- Opportunity will be advertised in the WeeklyWire
- LCOM Application Deadline: January 08, 2020
Kuckein Awardees

- 69 recipients awarded in 2018
- Past LCOM Recipients:
  - Lauren Donnelly, Class of 2020 – Awarded 2017 Fellowship
  - Michael Ursiny, Class of 2015 - Awarded 2014 Fellowship
  - William Ares, Class of 2012 - Awarded 2011 Fellowship
Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Awards

• Creative narratives or scholarly essays relevant to medicine

• Cash awards of $1,500 for first place, $1,000 for second place, and $850 for third place. Winning essays will be published in The Pharos.

• More information available on the AOA Webpage…

• Opportunity will be advertised in the WeeklyWire

• Online Submission Deadline: No later than January 15, 2020
Glaser Award – Past Student Recipient

- Daniel Liebowitz, class of 2014
  - Honorable mention in 2011
  - “Carlos Finlay, Walter Reed, and the Politics of Imperialism in Early Tropical Medicine.”
  - The Pharos Vol 75 No 1 p16-22.
The Pharos Student Poetry Competition

- **Purpose:** To encourage medical students to write meaningful poetry related to health or medicine.
- The criteria by which poems are judged are:
  - Imagery and use of language
  - Poetic structure and technique
  - Emotional appeal
  - Relevance to Pharos readers
- **Prizes**
  - Cash awards of $600 for first place, $350 for second place, and $200 for third place will be given out to three students. The three selected entries will be published in The Pharos.
The Pharos Student Poetry Competition

• Eligibility:
  • Must be enrolled at medical school with active AΩA chapter, but need not be members of AΩA.
  • Only one entry may be submitted by each student.
• More information available on the AOA Webpage…
• Opportunity will be advertised in the WeeklyWire
• Online Submission Deadline: No later than January 3, 2020
Medical Student Service Leadership Grants

- Service project by medical student(s) benefiting the medical school or the local community
- One proposal per school with AΩA chapter
- Up to $5000 per year, renewable for a second year up to $3000 and a third year up to $1000 on review
- More information available on the AOA Webpage…
- First Deadline: **February 14, 2020** (Online Application due from AΩA Councilor to AΩA)
Service Grants – LCOM Awardees & Submissions

• Kristen Carr, Class of 2015
  • “The Migrant Worker Health Booklet” – 2014 Submission

• Prabu Selvam, Class of 2014
  • “SAT Course for Underprivileged Local High School Students” – 2011 Recipient
Service Grant - SAT Course, Prabu Selvam LCOM ‘14
Postgraduate Award

- Residents or fellows at institution with active AOA chapter
- Projects must fall into one of five categories
  - Research
  - Service
  - Teaching and education
  - Leadership
  - Professionalism
- $2000 award
- More information available on the AOA Webpage…
- Online Submission Deadline: no later than May 29, 2020
Postgraduate Award – UVMMC Recipient

- **Andrew Ross, MD (ΛΩΑ, Oregon Health & Sciences University, 2009)**
  University of Vermont College of Medicine
  University of Vermont, Fletcher Allen Health Care
  Project category: Research
  *Benefits of a Pre-Natal Ultrasound Program in Rural Uganda*
  Kristen DeStigter, MD, mentor
  Jeffrey Klein, MD, councilor
Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award

- Presented annually at the AAMC meeting
- Recognizes outstanding contributions to medical student education by four faculty at LCME-approved schools of medicine
- Awardee receives a $10,000 prize. The awardee's nominating institution will receive a grant of $2,500 for teaching activities, and the AOA Chapter will receive a $1,000 grant for support of its activities.
- Winning institution ineligible for next 3 years
- **More information available on the AOA Webpage…**
- Each nominee's application, bibliography, and curriculum vitae must be submitted by **Friday, April 3, 2020**
Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award Recipients

• 2002 Recipient:
  • Lewis R First, MD (AOA, University of Vermont, 1997, Faculty), Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Vermont College of Medicine
Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award

- Community physician who contributes to the education and training of clinical students
- Need not be AOA members; won’t become AΩA members
- Nominations by all students; election by AΩA members
- Framed certificate from AΩA for recipient
- More information available on the AOA Webpage…
- Selected by the fourth-year class and awarded during Honor’s Night (senior awards ceremony)
Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award – LCOM Recipients

• 2019 - Rachel DiSanto, MD, North Country Hospital, in Newport, Vermont
• 2018 - Theresa Mahon, M.D., Norwalk Hospital, Dept. of Ob/Gyn
• 2017 - Cornelius Ferreira, MD
• 2016 - Elizabeth Hunt, M.D.
• 2014 - Jane “Jenny” Lowell, M.D.
• 2013 - Francis Cook, M.D.
• 2012 - Karen Leonard, M.D.
Alpha Omega Alpha – Visiting Professorships

- Each AΩA chapter can host one VP each year
- Funding by national AΩA
- Chosen by councilor/members/faculty
- One full day of clinical rounds, research discussions, interactions with students and residents, & opportunity to present a lecture
- Invitees rotated amongst clinical departments
- More information available on the AOA Webpage…
AΩA Chapter – Contact Information

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