Alpha Omega Alpha

“Be Worthy to Serve the Suffering”

LCOM Gamma Chapter
Established 1953

December 5th, 2018
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 of medical schools as 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. (2018-2019)
  • Gilman Allen, M.D. (2013-2016)
• Associate Dean of Student Affairs
  • 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\textsuperscript{th} of graduating class
  • Scholastic Achievement
    • Leadership
    • Research
    • Humanism
    • Service
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
ΑΩΑ STUDENT MEMBERS 2018

- Stephanie Alexis Brooks
- Christina Rose Cahill
- Kathryn Marie Colelli (Inducted with co2017)
- Kelley Weston Collier
- Laura Kenyon Donnelly
- Lindsey Marie Eastman
- Peter Thomas Evans (Junior Inductee)
- Miles William Grunvald
- Ethan Robert Harlow
- Peter R. Hyson (Junior Inductee)

- Allicia Ostoposides Imada (Junior Inductee)
- Alex Jacobson
- David Anthony Leon
- Molly Ann Gorton Markowitz
- Stephen Michael Maurer
- Nicole Lin Mendelson
- Lindsay Miller
- Gayathri Prabhakar
- Astia Norton Roper-Batker
- Apoorva Trivedi (Junior Inductee)
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 AΩA 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
- $5000 in funding
- 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd}, and 3\textsuperscript{rd} year students are eligible
- More information available on the AOA Webpage…
- Opportunity will be advertised in the WeeklyWire
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 $2,000 for first place, $800 for second place, and $550 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
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 ΑΩΑ chapter, but need not be members of ΑΩΑ.
  • Only one entry may be submitted by each student.
• More information available on the AOA Webpage…
• Opportunity will be advertised in the WeeklyWire
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…
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...
Postgraduate Award – UVMMC Recipient

- Andrew Ross, MD (ΩΑ, 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…
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…
Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award – LCOM Recipients

- 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…
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