American College of Osteopathic Internists
Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award

The ACOI Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award is presented annually to Osteopathic Internal Medicine residents in recognition of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues, as well as demonstrated excellence in clinical teaching. The following qualities are examples of humanistic traits:

- Consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients
- Illustrates professional and ethical behavior by example
- Shows respect for everyone (s)he comes in contact with
- Demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds
- Displays effective communication and listening skills
- Understands a patient’s need for interpretation of complex medical diagnosis and treatment and makes an effort to assure patient comprehension
- Shows respect for the patient’s viewpoint
- Helps to articulate the patient’s concerns to attending physicians and others
- Is sensitive to the patient’s psychological well-being
- Is willing to help others and, when necessary, to seek help from others
- Seeks and accepts criticism, using it to improve performance
- Displays concern for the community and engages in volunteer activities
- Is committed to reflection and objective self-evaluation of his/her own skills
- Displays proficiency in scientific endeavors
- Serves as a role model—illustrates professional behavior for students and colleagues
- Is approachable and accessible to students
- Welcomes opportunities for teaching and one-on-one mentorships with students
- Exhibits enthusiasm and skill in professional and personal interactions with students
- Effectively identifies emotional concerns of patients and family members

Nomination Requirements:
Residents are nominated by fellow residents, medical students, or faculty members at their own institution. Nominees will submit a personal statement describing their commitment to medical education and humanistic values along with two letters of reference (other than the nominator) from other residents, medical students, patients, or faculty members.

Submission Deadline: June 30

Announcements:
The award recipients will be chosen by the ACOI Council on Education and Evaluation and the ACOI Honors and Awards Committee and notified in advance of the ACOI Annual Conference so that travel arrangements may be made for the award ceremony. Recipients will receive a $500 award and up to $1000 for travel expenses.
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### Nomination Form

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Check the appropriate category:

- Residency: [ ] Expected Date to Complete Residency:  
- Fellowship: [ ] Expected Date to Complete Fellowship:  

Fellowship Specialty:  

**Signature of Nominee:**  
**Date:**  

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Personal Statement
The nominee shall provide a personal statement of not more than 2 pages. It should illustrate why the nominee feels he/she is qualified to receive this award. It should demonstrate how the nominee meets the eligibility criteria: commitment to osteopathic philosophy and humanistic values as described on page one, and dedication to quality medical education. It should also highlight activities and/or experiences that may add to the individual’s worthiness to receive this award.

Packet Checklist
Use the checklist below to make certain the nomination packet is complete:

_____ Completed, typewritten or computer generated Nomination Form
_____ Letter from the nominator
_____ Letter of recommendation from two references
_____ Personal statement of not more than 2 pages
_____ Current curriculum vitae or resume

Incomplete nomination packets will not be forwarded to the selection committee

Mail Completed Nomination Packet To:
American College of Osteopathic Internists
Attn: Susan B. Stacy, FACOI, Director of Administration and Finance
11400 Rockville Pike, Suite 801
Rockville, MD 20852

Email packet to – susan@acoi.org

Additional Information:
For additional information, please contact Brian Donadio, Executive Director of ACOI at bjd@acoi.org or Susan Stacy, Director of Admin/Finance (susan@acoi.org) or call 301-231-8877.