



AAO RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Resident of the Year award is conferred by the Academy to recognize the resident who has contributed to the Academy, has contributed to osteopathic principles and practices at their residency program, and who has participated in Academy events, including, but not limited to, AAO Convocation, AOA OMED conference, and/or AAO educational programs.

Nominated individuals exhibit osteopathic principles and practices at their residency programs and encourage other residents, faculty and students to continue to use osteopathic principles and practice during their residency career and practice. An application with a brief description/essay of why this individual is deserving of this award is submitted to the AAO Awards Committee.

An AAO component society or ACGME approved osteopathic residency program may submit only one (1) nomination per organization or residency program. All residency programs are encouraged to nominate their top candidate each year. Previous nominations have been received from the following programs. NMM/OMM Residency at Michigan State University; Combined Family Medicine and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Residency Northeast Regional Medical Center, Kirksville, Missouri; University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine NMM/OMM + 1 Residency Program; and the Florida Hospital - East Orlando (FHEO) Integrated Family Medicine/Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine.

Past Recipients

- 2025 – Justine Tran-Serrano, DO**, Michigan State University ONMM Residency
- 2024 – Benjamin J. K. Greene, DO**, Michigan State University ONMM Residency
- 2024 - Nicholas W. Salupo, DO, HEC-C**, Nephrology/Hypertension Fellowship at Cleveland Clinic
- 2023 – Nicole Fremarek DO, MBA**, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
- 2022 – Amber M. Brown, DO, MS**, Maine Medical Center in Portland
- 2020 – Frank Patrick Goodman, DO, MS**, Oklahoma State University Medical Center in Tulsa
- 2019 – Malinda M. Hansen, DO**, University of North Texas Health Center in Fort Worth
- 2018 – Jacob J. Cukierski, DO**, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine Health Medical Associates of Erie
- 2017 – Lauren J. Leslie, DO**, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- 2016 – Kristie M. Petree, DO**, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- 2015 – Catherine B. Donahue, DO**, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- 2014 – Eileen M. Conaway, DO**, Florida Hospital - East Orlando
- 2013 – Michael A. Chipman, DO**, Kingman Regional Medical Center
- 2012 – Leslie M. Ching, DO**, Doctors Hospital Family Practice Residency and Oklahoma State University-CHS
- 2011 - Sarah J. James, DO**, Columbia Saint Mary's Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency
- 2010 - Teodor Huzij, DO**, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine



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Personal Statement

The nominee shall provide a personal statement of not more than one page. 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 the profession; leadership skills and demonstrated use of these skills; noteworthy accomplishments demonstrating his/her role as a leader; demonstrated contributions in osteopathic organizations, such as teaching, committee work, and national associations; and his/her outstanding character and drive to be a leader. It should also highlight activities and/or experiences that may add to the individual's worthiness to receive this award. The AAO Awards Committee would like to know what the nominee's future goals may be in respect to leadership within the osteopathic profession and what steps have been taken toward exploring and realizing those goals.

Letters of Recommendation from the Nominator

The letters of recommendation should demonstrate why the nominee should receive this award.

- The letter from the Nominator shall state why this nominee was chosen for this award and demonstrate how the individual meets the eligibility criteria.

Packet Checklist

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

_____	Completed Nomination Form	_____	Letter from the Nominator
_____	Personal statement	_____	Resume or Curriculum Vitae
_____	Proof of current membership in the AOA and the AAO		

Mail Completed Packet by November 30th to:

American Academy of Osteopathy
3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 1100
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268-1136
Attn: Awards

Additional Information:

For additional information or to receive an e-mail copy of this document, please contact AAO Office (317) 879-1881



Nomination for AAO Resident of the Year Award

NOMINATION FORM

This section to be completed by the Nominee:

Nominee: _____ **AAO#:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ **This is my cell/home/work #:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Specialty: _____

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

This section to be completed by the Nominator - Please use letterhead for letter of recommendation.

Nominator: _____

Title: _____ **Organization:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

This completed form is to be included in the AAO Resident of the Year nomination packet sent to the AAO office - info@academyofosteopathy.org