

2024 Annual Awards Ceremony

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The Mastership Award

According to ACP Bylaws, MACPs are Fellows because of “integrity, positions of honor, impact in practice or medical research, or other achievements in science or the art of medicine.” MACPs must be highly accomplished individuals demonstrating impact in practice, leadership, or medical research. Their achievements can come from various endeavors, such as renown work within their field and/or ACP chapter, research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, administrative positions, care of patients, and service to their community.

ACP involvement is highly valued; Mastership is rarely awarded in absence of ACP involvement. Examples of ACP involvement include service to the College in an official capacity, participation in chapter activities, College committees, and involvement in the development of College educational programs.

The first MACP in the College was presented in 1923 to Dr. James M. Anders, who served as President for two terms. He was recognized for extraordinary service to the College and for being one of the most outstanding internists and medical teachers of his time.

The Iowa Chapter currently has seven members in the category of Mastership, and it is with great honor that an eighth member of our chapter has been bestowed this honor!

**We would like to congratulate
William J. Yost, MD MACP
on achieving this honor!**

The Laureate Award

The Laureate Award honors Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated, by their example and conduct, an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians.

The recipient of this award shall bear the title Laureate of the Iowa Chapter.

The awardee should be an experienced physician and Fellow or Master of long-standing, with acknowledged experience and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, the awardee should have served the Chapter with distinction.

It is with distinct pleasure that this year the Iowa Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents the Laureate Award to two winners: Wendy Fiordellisi, MD, FACP, and Linda G. Floden, MD. These recipients are long-standing and loyal supporters of the College, have rendered distinguished service to the Chapter, and have upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

We salute and honor them on this occasion, and we wish them well in the future.

2024 Laureate Award Winner



Wendy Fiordellisi, MD, FACP

"It is with great honor that I accept this year's ACP Laureate Award. I found many a respected internist and even a few of my personal mentors on the list of prior recipients, and I couldn't be more humbled to join their company," Dr. Fiordellisi said.

Dr. Fiordellisi grew up in Wisconsin, with no family connections to medicine. In fact, she spent her high school summers working at her parents' Dairy Queen. While the skill of creating that perfect curl on the top of an ice cream cone didn't necessarily translate to medicine, the hard work sure did, and she's grateful for her family's support as she pursued many long years of training.

Dr. Fiordellisi never thought she'd be an Iowan, but since donning her white coat as a student at the Carver College of Medicine, she never found a good reason to leave. She completed her internal medicine residency training at the University of Iowa, and has been on faculty in internal medicine there ever since. Dr. Fiordellisi believes has truly found her passion in her career as a primary care provider. "I find so much value in the long-term relationships and trust I can build with my patients. While some would classify my job as a 'generalist', I believe we are truly specialists in adult, whole-person care," she stated.

Dr. Fiordellisi believes the University of Iowa has been a fantastic place to both practice medicine, as well as hone her skills outside of patient care. She enjoys teaching medical students and residents and impressing on them the importance of the patient as a person. She also has an interest in quality improvement, and was able to finish her Master's degree in Clinical Investigation, and has pursued extra training in quality improvement, patient safety, and informatics. She currently serve as the division's Physician Informatics Officer, which provides her the opportunity to help providers optimize their use of the electronic health record and find ways to make workflows more efficient.

Outside of medicine, she is a wife to a wonderfully supportive husband, Frank, and a mom to two young boys. Her family loves playing outside and riding bikes, and her favorite treat is still DQ ice cream.

"I am grateful to be a member of ACP, an organization which has supported my career, advocated for me as a physician and for the best care for our patients, and has connected me with dedicated, like-minded colleagues. I am inspired by the work done by ACP. I look forward to the next years of my career, providing my best for my patients and continuing to stay connected with ACP as we navigate the future of healthcare."

2024 Laureate Award Winner



Linda G. Floden, MD

Linda Grandgenett Floden, MD, retired in November of 2022 after practicing as an Internal Medicine physician in Mason City, Iowa, since 1990. She was born on Itazuke Air Force Base, Japan and grew up in Wesley, Iowa. She received her undergraduate education at Creighton University and then graduated from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in 1987 (during which time she met her future husband, Thomas Floden, DDS, at an AKK medical fraternity house party).

Dr. Floden completed her Internal Medicine training at the University of Iowa-Des Moines Internal Medicine Residency Program in 1990 (winning the Iowa Chapter ACP Clinical Vignette competition and enjoying the chapter-paid trip to the ACP Internal Medicine Meeting in Chicago). She began work at the Mason City Clinic and MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center on July 1, 1990. She holds certifications by the American Board of Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine.

Over the course of her career at MercyOne North Iowa, Dr. Floden enjoyed being part of growing new Internal Medicine services, serving as Assistant Director of the Dialysis Center at its inception as well as serving patients at the new MercyOne North Iowa Diabetes Center. She has been the recipient of the MercyOne Golden Heart Award (Exceptional Customer Service) and MercyOne Golden Stethoscope Award (Exceptional Practice of Healing).

Dr. Floden especially enjoys being part of medical education. She served as a teaching physician for Community-based Medical Education for the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. She also served as Director of the Internal Medicine Inpatient Teaching Service for the MercyOne North Iowa Family Medicine Residency Program. In 2016, she took on the role of first Program Director of the newly established MercyOne North Iowa Internal Medicine Residency Program. She served on the MercyOne North Iowa Graduate Medical Education Committee and Office of Academic Affairs Steering Committee as well as on the HEARTland Network OPTI Board of Directors. Dr. Floden is most proud of being an advocate for residents on both a local and state level. Upon her retirement, the faculty and staff of the MercyOne North Iowa Internal Medicine Residency Program honored her with the establishment of the Linda G. Floden Medicine Lecture Series.

Dr. Floden resides in Mason City, Iowa, with her husband, Thomas. They have three children: Sarah (MD, Asst. Professor Dept of Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Madison), Erik (graduate student in Physics at University of Minnesota), and Anna (Music Education major at Luther College). Dr. Floden is now very much enjoying being a new grandmother to baby June.

Past Laureate Award Winners

1986 Karl Boyles Hanson, Sr., MD, FACP
1987 Ernest O. Theilen, MD, FACP, and Charles H. Gutenkauf, MD, FACP
1988 Francois M. Abboud, MD, MACP and William B. Galbraith, MD, MACP
1989 James A Clift, MD, MACP and John S. Chapman, MD, FACP
1990 Donald C. Zavala, MD, FACP, and Erling Larson, Jr. MD, FACP
1991 Richard DeGowin, MD, and George Spellman, MD
1992 Kennedy C. Fawcett, MD, FACP, and Paul M. Seebohm, MD, FACP
1993 John W. Eckstein, MD, FACP, and Richard B. Trimble, MD, FACP
1994 John E. Kasik, MD, FACP, and Steven R. Craig, MD, FACP
1995 John P. Viner, MD, FACP and Janet A. Schlechte, MD, FACP
1996 Hal B. Richardson, MD, FACP, and Nathan Josephson, MD
1997 Gregory A. Hicklin, MD, FACP, and Charles M. Helms, MD, FACP
1998 James Christensen, MD, FACP, and John Brinkman, MD, FACP
1999 John H. Macindoe, MD, and Thomas J. McIntosh, MD, FACP
2000 David W. Lucke, MD, FACP, and Lewis E. January, MD, MACP
2001 Ralph R. Pray, MD, FACP, and Raymond J. Hohl, MD, FACP
2002 Joel A. Gordon, MD, FACP, and Peter J. Reiter, MD, FACP
2003 John F. Fiesemann, MD, FACP, and Rick L. Wilkens, MD, FACP
2004 Steven Eyanson, MD, FACP, and Kenneth A. Hubel, MD, FACP
2005 George V. Lawry, II, MD, FACP, and Paul D. Sosnouski, MD, FACP
2006 Richard F. LeBlond, MD, FACP, and Robert F. Weis, MD, FACP
2007 Scott A. Vogelgesang, MD, FACP, and Lisa A. Veach, MD, FACP
2008 William J. Yost, MD, USA, FACP, and Scott R. Wilson, DO, FACP
2009 Mark W. Purtle, MD, FACP, and Barbara A. Muller, MD, FACP
2010 Paul L. Mulhausen, MD, and Deanna L. Questad, MD, FACP
2011 Joseph F. Szot, MD, FACP, and Steven P. Joyce, MD, FACP
2012 Daniel P. Allen, MD, FACP 66, and Douglas B. Hornick, MD
2013 Christine A. Sinsky, MD, FACP, and Mark C. Wilson, MD, FACP
2014 Peter Densen, MD, FACP, and Douglas Vickstrom, MD, FACP
2015 Lisa M. Antes, MD, FACP, and Mark M. Belz, MD, FACP
2016 Manish Suneja, MD, FACP, and Hendrik Schultz, MD, FACP
2017 Lauris C. Kaldjian, MD, PhD, FACP, and Jay A. Rosenberger, DO, FACP
2018 Donald D. Brown, MD, FACP, and Jill M. Powers, DO, FACP
2019 Jeydith Gutierrez Perez, MD, FACP, and Tyler M. Schwiesow, MD, FACP

2020 Katherine I. Harris, MD, FACP, and Steven D. Reeves, MD, FACP
2021 Florita Cezarina F. Henderson, MD, FACP, and Andrea N. Weber, MD, FACP
2022 Marion Lee Sanders, PhD, MD, FACP, FASN
2023 Leatrice Olsen, DO, FACOI, FACP, and Katherine White, MD, MME, FACP

Excellence Award

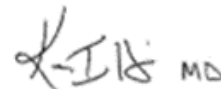
The Excellence Award has been given by the Iowa Chapter of the American College of Physicians as a mark of honor and recognition for achievement of a senior physician who has been a faithful member of the Chapter and who has made major contributions to medicine in internal medicine in the State of Iowa.

The awardee should accept the recognition in person, unless excused by the Governor. The awardee is to be nominated by a process that may originate from the Awards Committee or from any member of the Chapter.

The awardee should be a senior physician and Fellow or Master of long-standing with acknowledged experience and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, the awardee should have served the Chapter with distinction.

It is with distinct pleasure that this year the Iowa Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents the Excellence Award to Joseph F. Szot, MD MACP. Dr. Szot is a long-standing and loyal supporter of the College, has rendered distinguished service to the Chapter, and has upheld the highest ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

We salute and honor him on this occasion, and we wish him well in the future.



Katherine I. Harris, MD, FACP
Governor, Iowa Chapter

2024 Chapter Excellence Award



Joseph F. Szot, MD, MACP

"I would like to thank the awards committee for selecting me as this year's Chapter Excellence Awardee. It is very humbling to join the list of previous awardees, a number of whom served as role models and mentors to me." Dr. Szot said.

Dr. Szot grew up in rural upstate New York, the fifth of seven children. His father was a family doc in a small town. His office was located at the bottom of the driveway next to the house. Dr. Szot's mother worked as the nurse in the office, so medicine was part of growing up. They were all expected to pitch in, usually this meant shoveling the driveway and walks. Given they lived in one of the snowiest places in the country it was almost a daily chore.

The job of the weekly office cleaning rotated amongst them as it had the generous salary of \$5/cleaning. Dr. Szot's first experience in medicine occurred when he was about ten, one evening his father was in the office suturing a patient's laceration when the power went out. He was the only one at home, so he got called upon to hold the flashlights while his father finished suturing.

Dr. Szot graduated from St. Bonaventure University magna cum laude with a B.S. in chemistry. He followed his brother's footsteps and attended medical school at the University of Rochester. He then completed residency in primary care internal medicine at the University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve.

Upon finishing residency, he continued the gradual trek west and joined Door County Memorial Hospital as a general internist. Most importantly, that fall he married his wife Julie, a native Wisconsinite, in a destination wedding in Oxford, Iowa, her father's hometown. "I can say she is the reason I am here tonight and have had the career and life that I have been blessed to have," Dr. Szot.

The next five and a half busy years were spent in Door County. Their children Ben and Anna were born, and Dr. Szot was immersed in a busy practice in an underserved community; it required practicing the full breadth of internal medicine, as well as obstetrics skills one Saturday morning. He took on several leadership roles including the Chairman of Internal Medicine and Emergency Services. During this time, he precepted third year medical students on their rural health rotations and started a CME conference. Dr. Szot realized education needed to be a larger part of his career. With this desire and an opportunity to be closer to Julie's family they moved to Iowa.

Dr. Szot says he was lucky to have been recruited by Gary Rosenthal, an invaluable mentor to him over the years. "He allowed me to pursue a unique path and guided me along the way." During his time at the University of Iowa and the ICVA, Dr. Szot has been fortunate to hold leadership roles in education and clinical operations including his current role as Associate Dean for CME and Integrative Education. His ventures in clinical operations were rewarding but always reinforced to him that clinical work and education is his passion.

"Throughout my time in Iowa, the ACP has been my professional home. It started when Scott Vogelgesang asked me to be an advisor for Club Med. It was during these first years on the council that Dick LeBlond encouraged me to become more involved in ACP. Over the next fifteen or so years, I had the privilege of serving on the council in different roles. It has afforded me the opportunity to develop friendships with colleagues from across the state that I otherwise would not have. For the past five years, I have been the course director for Progress, which serves as the chapter's annual meeting, reinforcing to me that education is where my time and efforts belong." Dr. Szot said.