

2021 Awards Announcement

2021 FALL CHAPTER AWARDS



Volunteerism and Community Service Award *Jennifer L. Brown, MD*

The Volunteerism and Community Service Award was initiated to honor members of the Nebraska Chapter who have distinguished themselves in voluntary service in the area of medicine.

Dr. Jennifer Brown is a board-certified Internal Medicine Specialist with Nebraska Medicine. She graduated from Creighton University Medical School in 2000 and completed her residency in 2003 and chief year in 2004, both at UNMC. Dr. Brown was employed at the Grand Island VA from 2004-2006 and is currently practicing inpatient and outpatient medicine at Nebraska Medicine IMA in Grand Island. She is the Co-Medical Director of Clinic and Chief of Staff at Grand Island Regional Medical Center as well as serving on several hospital committees at CHI Saint Francis.



Volunteerism and Community Service Award *Isaac Berg, MD, FACP*

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Dr. Isaac Berg is a board-certified Internal Medicine Specialist practicing at Grand Island Health Center in Grand Island, Nebraska and is affiliated with CHI Health St. Francis. He graduated from University of Nebraska College of Medicine medical school in 2009 and completed residency at UNMC in 2012. Dr. Berg serves on various hospital committees and is active in precepting Physician Assistant students.



Humanitarian of the Year Award
Theresa Townley, MD

The Humanitarian of the Year Award is given for outstanding contributions to humanism in medicine and also recognizes scholarly activities in literature, philosophy, and ethics.

Dr. Theresa Townley, is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Creighton University School of Medicine. She serves as the Director of Academic Service Learning and director of the rotation with ILAC (Institute for Latin American Concern) in the Dominican Republic as well as a course in Global Health for senior medical students. As core faculty for the Internal Medicine residency, she has taken a lead in addressing health care disparity. She practices Internal Medicine in the hospital and clinic at the Bergan Mercy campus. She is a sought-after mentor and collaborator with medical students, residents, and fellows. She is regionally and nationally known for clinical teaching of internal medicine, as well as developing curriculum and competencies in global health and health care disparity.



LeeRoy Meyer Dedicated Teaching Award
Ryan P. Mullane, DO

The LeeRoy Meyer Dedicated Teacher Award honors a physician who exemplifies the talent, enthusiasm and professionalism demonstrated in medical education by Dr. Meyer.

Dr. Ryan Mullane is an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine – Division of Nephrology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He received his medical degree from Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2013 and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Verde Valley Medical Center in 2016. He went on to complete a fellowship in Nephrology at UNMC in 2018. Dr. Mullane is grateful to the faculty, house officers, and staff within his division and department who make practicing at Nebraska Medicine so rewarding. He enjoys his role in teaching medical students, PA students, internal medicine residents, and nephrology fellows.



Early Career Physician Award
Paul G. Millner, MD

The Early Career Physician Award recognizes an ACP member who has been a major contributor to the American College of Physicians, either locally or nationally, and is within sixteen years of medical school graduation.

Dr. Paul Millner is board-certified in Internal Medicine and works as a hospitalist at CHI Health Bergan Mercy Medical Center. He graduated from West Virginia University medical school and came to Omaha for residency at Creighton University Medical Center. He began working with Nebraska ACP during his final year of residency training, acting as the Vice-Program Committee Chair in 2016 and serving as Program Committee chair in 2017. Currently he works as a Core Faculty member at the Creighton University Internal Medicine Residency Program with an educational focus on Point-of-Care Ultrasound training and leads the program's resident recruitment efforts. In addition, he serves as the course coordinator for the 4th year medical student Sub-Internship and Internal Medicine Capstone courses.



Hospitalist Award
Tabatha Mattias, DO, FACP

The Hospitalist Award is given to a chapter Member, Fellow or Master who has performed the duties of a full-time inpatient internal Medicine specialist, or "hospitalist", with expertise and dedication, as demonstrated leadership in quality improvement and education, has consistently delivered high-value and evidence-based care, provided in a patient-focused manner, exemplifying the highest standards of professionalism.

Dr. Tabatha Matthias is an assistant professor and academic hospitalist at University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). She graduated medical school from Kansas City University and simultaneously completed an MBA degree at Rockhurst University. She served in the United States Army and completed internal medicine residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI. As a hospitalist, she has enjoyed teaching residents and medical students by creating and directing educational programs in acute illness simulation and point of care ultrasound (POCUS). She received the William Osler Teaching Award in 2016 for this educational work. Over the past few years, she is now leading the clinical operations of the UNMC hospital medicine service, an ever changing and growing 24/7 inpatient service. She currently serves as the Associate Division Chief of Clinical Operations for the Division of Hospital Medicine.



Walter J. O'Donohue, Jr. MD Award
Carolyn Manhart, MD, FACP

The Walter J. O'Donohue, Jr. Award honors a physician who embodies the qualities set by our late friend and colleague, an ardent supporter of the Nebraska Chapter: great leadership, scholarship and mentoring in his/her career.

Dr. Carolyn Manhart is a general internist at the CHI Dundee Clinic who received her medical school and residency training at Creighton University School of Medicine. She has been involved with ACP as the Chair of the Awards Committee, as program director of the state meeting, and as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council. She has worked with hundreds of medical students and residents in the clinic, hospital, and in small group settings. Mentoring students and residents in primary care medicine has been the highlight of her career. Dr. Manhart has been active in the Omaha Guild of the Catholic Medical Association for many years and helps to mentor medical students as they grow into their vocation of healing. Dr. Manhart and her husband Nick have 5 children.



Chapter Laureate Award
Bruce Houghton, MD, FACP

The Laureate Award honors those members of the ACP in Nebraska 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 and the ACP.

Dr. Bruce Houghton is an Associate Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Creighton University School of Medicine. He received his M.D. from Creighton University in 1991. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Creighton University Affiliated Hospitals in 1994 and joined the Internal Medicine faculty following his residency. He serves as Clerkship Director of the Internal Medicine Clerkship at Creighton. Dr. Houghton has lectured, presented posters and conducted workshops dealing with the topics of medical education, teaching evidence-based medicine and the use of information technology at various regional and national meetings including the Society of General Internal Medicine, American College of Physicians and the Clerkship Directors of Internal Medicine. Dr Houghton has been active in medical education and has been recognized for his work in medical student and resident education with various awards from Creighton.

