ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA

“Be Worthy to Serve the Suffering”

University of Vermont College of Medicine
Gamma Chapter
Established 1953
Established in 1902
  - William Webster Root - University of Illinois
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
National Headquarters
  - Menlo Park, CA
  - www.alphaomegaalpha.org
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
• Promoting service to others
UVM COM AΩA CHAPTER

- Chapter established 1953
- AOA Councilor
  - Gilman Allen, M.D. (2013)
- Associate Dean of Student Affairs
  - Christa Zehle, M.D.
- Medical student administrative support
  - Kiersten Hallquist
The Pharos - November 1953

Announcement: “During the past year charters have been granted to install new chapters at the Universities of Vermont and Oklahoma, …..”
STUDENT SELECTION

- ELIGIBLE
  - Top 25% of class eligible for election

- ELECTION
  - Up to $\frac{1}{6}$th of graduating class
  - Scholastic Achievement
  - Leadership, Research, Humanism, Service
AOA STUDENT MEMBERS 2017

- Murtaza Ismail Bharmal
- Douglas J. Chieffe
- Mustafa Chopan
- Kathryn Marie Colelli
- Kyle Francis Concannon
- Laura Michelle Greisinger
- Amy Marie Hopkins
- Sarah Anne Kelso
- Troy R. Larson
- Laura D. Leonard

- John Robert McLaren
- Imelda R. Muller
- Ryan F. Nichols
- Carl Anthony Nunziato
- Erin Renee Pichiotino
- Catherine Anne Suppan
- Alexander W. Thomas
- Jacqueline Elizabeth Wade
- Katherine Y. Wang
AOA STUDENT MEMBERS 2016

- Jenna Lynn Bodmer
- Alex Richard Coffman
- Erin Christine Curtis
- Sarah Ebert
- Katherine Michelle Evans
- Suleiman Ismael
- Hannah Linnea Lowe Kavookjian
- Laura Marie Lazzarini
- James George Levins IV
- Brenton Edmund Daniel Nash
- Colette Marie Oesterle
- Noah James Quinlan
- Nicholas Rex Sinclair
- Michael Sun
- Sarah Ann Thompson
- Megan Wetzel
- Emily Yu Xue
ΑΩΑ SERVICES/PROGRAMS

- The Pharos
- Visiting professorships
- Student research fellowships
- Student essay and poetry awards
- Medical student service leadership project
- Distinguished teacher awards
- Volunteer clinical faculty award
- Postgraduate award
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The Pharos

Published 4x/year

Features:

• Essays/articles
• Poetry
• National/chapter news
• Physician at the movies
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
Carolyn Kukein Research fellowship

- One award annually per chapter
- Clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research
- $5000 in funding
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students are eligible
- Student Proposal Deadline – December 31st (post running in the WeeklyWire)
  - Deadline for proposal to AΩA - January 31st
Carolyn Kukein Research fellowship

Former UVM College of Medicine Awardees

• 53 Applicants Awarded in 2016
• William Ares, class of 2012
  • Awarded 2011 fellowship
• Michael Ursiny, class of 2015
  • Awarded 2014 fellowship
Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Awards

• Creative narratives or scholarly essays relevant to medicine
• $2000 first, $800 second, $550 third, and honorable mention awards of $250 each
• Deadline - January 31st
• Winners announced May 1, 2017
Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Awards

Former UVM Awardees and Submissions

• Sarah Gardener, class of 2015
  • “The Greatest Privilege” (submission)
• 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.
Student Poetry Competition

• **Purpose**
  • To encourage medical students to write effective poetry

• **The criteria by which poems are judged are:**
  • Imagery and use of language
  • Poetic structure and technique
  • Emotional appeal
  • Relevance to Pharos readers

• **Prizes**
  • $600 first; $350 second; $200 third, honorable mention $75
Student Poetry Competition

• Eligibility
  • Must be enrolled at medical school with active AΩA chapter, but need not be members of AΩA.
  • Only one entry may be submitted by each student.

• Dates
  • Entries must be sent by online form no later than November 30, 2016, Midnight PST.
  • Winners announced around April 1, 2017 (all participants informed)

• For more information
  • http://alphaomegaalpha.org/poetry_competition.html
Medical student service leadership project

- 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
Medical student service leadership project

Former UVM College of Medicine Awardees and Submissions

- Kristen Carr, Class of 2015
  - “The Migrant Worker Health Booklet” - 2014
- Prabu Selvam class of 2014
  - “SAT Course for Underprivileged Local High School Students” – Awarded in 2011
Medical student service leadership project
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
- Up to $13,500 award per individual
- Winning institution ineligible for next 3 years
Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award

Former UVM College of Medicine AAMC/AOA Co-sponsored Awardees

• Lewis First
  • UVM COM 2002 recipient
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
Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award

Former UVM College of Medicine Awardees

- 2016  Elizabeth Hunt, M.D.
- 2014  Jane “Jenny” Lowell, M.D.
- 2013  Francis Cook, M.D.
- 2012  Karen Leonard, M.D.
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
- Deadlines:
  - Proposal to councilor: April 30, 2017
  - Application to national AOA: May 30, 2017
Postgraduate Award

Former UVM College of Medicine Awardees

- Andrew Ross - Department of Radiology
  - “Benefits of a Pre-Natal Ultrasound Program in Rural Uganda” - 2012
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