ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA

“Be Worthy to Serve the Suffering”

University of Vermont College of Medicine
Gamma Chapter
Established 1953
NATIONAL AΩA

- 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
Mission Statement

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
  - Jeffrey S. Klein, M.D. (2010)
- Associate Dean of Student Affairs
  - Christa Zehle, M.D.
- Medical student administrative support
  - Megan Chlebeck
UVM COM AΩA CHAPTER

• 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 1/6th of graduating class
  • Scholastic Achievement
  • Leadership, Research, Humanism, Service
AOA STUDENT MEMBERS 2013

• Mohammed Almzayyen
• Naiara Barbosa
• Aaron Burley
• Mark Dammann
• Matthew Davies
• Christopher Duncan
• Lauren Gilligan
• Andrew Harris, President
• Delia Horn
• Taylor Lincoln

• Jeffrey McLaren
• Alexandra Messerli, Vice President
• Louisa Mook
• Stephen Morris
• Ariana Nesbit
• Shetal Patel
• Kurt Schaberg
• Amanda Schwartz
• Tyler Stewart
AΩA SERVICES/PROGRAMS

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- Visiting professorships
- Student research fellowships
- Student essay awards
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- Distinguished teacher awards
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The Pharos

Published 4x/year
Features:
- Essays/articles
- Poetry
- National/chapter news
- Physician at the movies
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Visiting professorships

• Each AΩA chapter hosts 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, and the opportunity to present a major address
• Rotated amongst clinical departments
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Student research (Carolyn Kukein) fellowships

• One award annually per chapter
• Clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research
• $5000 funding
• 1st/2nd/3rd year students eligible
• Deadline for proposal to AΩA - January 31st
Student research 2011 fellowships

- William Ares (2012)-UVM College of Medicine
- “Contribution of Kv channels, matrix metaaloproteinase activity, and EGF tyrosine kinase activity to enhanced parenchymal arteriole constriction following subarachnoid hemorrhage.”
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Helen H. Glaser student essay awards

• Creative narratives or scholarly essays relevant to medicine

• $2000 first, $750 second, $500 third, and honorable mention awards of $250 each

• Deadline - January 31st
Student essay awards 2011

- Daniel Liebowitz (2014) - UVM College of Medicine
  - Honorable mention
- “Carlos Finlay, Walter Reed, and the Politics of Imperialism in Early Tropical Medicine.”
- The Pharos Vol 75 No 1 p16-22.
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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 2011

- Prabu Selvam (2014)-UVM College of Medicine
- “SAT Course for Underprivileged Local High School Students”
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Medical student service leadership project 2011
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Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award

- Presented annually at the AAMC meeting
- Recognizes outstanding contributions to the education of medical student by four faculty at LCME-approved schools of medicine
- Up to $13,500 award for individual/institution
- Winning institution ineligible for next 3 years
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Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award
AAMC/AOA Co-sponsored

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

- Community physician who contributes to the education and training of clinical students
- Need not be AOA members; won’t become ΑΩΑ members
- Nominations by all students; election by ΑΩΑ members
- Framed certificate from ΑΩΑ for recipient
Volunteer faculty award recipient 2012

• Karen Leonard, M.D.-Department of Pediatrics
Postgraduate Award

- Residents or fellows at institution with 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
  - Application to national AOA: May 31
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Postgraduate award recipient 2012

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