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.alphaomegaaalpha.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 AΩΑ CHAPTER

- Chapter established 1953
- AOA Councilor
  - Jeffrey S. Klein, M.D. (2010)
- Associate Dean of Student Affairs
  - Scott Waterman, M.D.
- Medical student education office support
  - James Leahy
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 Percent of Class

• ELECTION
  • Up to one Sixth of Class
  • Scholastic Achievement
  • Leadership, Fairness, Compassion, Integrity, Service
AΩA SERVICES/PROGRAMS

- The Pharos
- Visiting professorships
- Student research fellowships
- Student essay awards
- Medical student service leadership project
- Distinguished teacher awards
- Volunteer clinical faculty award
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Published 4x/year
Features:
-Essays/articles
-Poetry
-National/chapter news
-Physician at the movies
ΩΑ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/PROGRAMS

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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
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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 metalloproteinase 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”
• The Pharos
• Visiting professorships
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• Medical student service leadership project
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• Volunteer clinical faculty award
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
Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award
AAMC/AOA Co-sponsored

- 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 AΩΑ members
• Nominations by all students; election by AΩΑ members
• Framed certificate from AΩΑ for recipient
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