Awards Ceremony

2020 Annual Fall Meeting

Friday, October 23 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm EST
Opening Remarks .................................................................Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO, President
Invocation .........................................................................Lee Vander Lugt, DO, FAOAO, FAOA Executive Director
Introduction of Officers, Directors and Guests ......................Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO, President
Recognition of Residency Program Directors.........................Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO, President

STUDENT AND RESIDENT AWARD RECOGNITION
AOAO Foundation Outstanding Student Scholarship ....Gary S. Ulrich, DO, FAOAO, Foundation President
Andrew D. Ardeljan, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Outstanding Resident Research Paper Award ..............Gary S. Ulrich, DO, FAOAO, Foundation President
Nicholas Frane, DO, Plainview Hospital
ORE-O Grant Recipient .....................................................Gary S. Ulrich, DO, FAOAO, Foundation President
Taylor A. Brown, DO, Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center
AOAO Foundation Research Grant.........................................Gary S. Ulrich, DO, FAOAO, Foundation President
James Stenson, DO, Rowan SOM/Kennedy University Hospital
Bob Green, DO Memorial Award Winners for 2019...............Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO, President
Douglas C. Crowther, DO, St. Mary’s Medical Center
Joshua Hockett, DO, St. Mary’s Medical Center
AOAO Osteopathic Distinction Award – Resident.............................Terrence Philbin, DO
Michael Holmboe, DO, Valley Consortium for Medical Education
AOAO Osteopathic Distinction Award – Student.................................Terrence Philbin, DO
Greggory Brandle, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine-Athens

AOAO PRESIDENT AWARDS
Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO, President
Presentation of the Appreciative Award Recipient ..................Patrick E. Bull, DO, FAOAO
Presentation of the Knotty Cane Award .................................................................TBA

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
The Morton J. Morris DO, JD Award
for Osteopathic Orthopedic Education.......................................Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO, President
Thomas Baker, DO
AOAO Foundation Emerging Leader Award.......................Gary S. Ulrich, DO, FAOAO, Foundation President
Sean McMillan, DO, FAOAO
Presentation of Fellow Awards ................................................................. Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO, President

FELLOW

Benjamin J. Best, DO ..................................................................................... Christopher B. Najarian, DO, FAOAO
Nicholas A. Cheney, DO ................................................................................ Daryl R. Sybert, DO, FAOAO
Justine M. Crowley, DO ................................................................................ Debra K. Spatz, DO, FAOAO
Jeffrey S. Dulik, DO ..................................................................................... Jeffrey M. Cochran, DO, FAOAO
Brad M. Homan, DO ..................................................................................... Terrence M. Philbin, DO, FAOAO
Matthew E. Koepplinger, DO ..................................................................... Richard M. Miller, DO, FAOAO
Robert Kollmorgen, DO ............................................................................. Sarkis M. Bedikian, DO, FAOAO
Daniel E. Krenk, DO .................................................................................. H. Brent Bamberger, DO, FAOAO
Jason Lucas, DO ........................................................................................ Terrence M. Philbin, DO, FAOAO
Christopher W. Reb, DO .......................................................................... Terrence M. Philbin, DO, FAOAO
Anthony R. Ricci, Sr., DO .......................................................................... Enrico A. Marcelli, DO, FAOAO
Stephen R. Rossman, DO ......................................................................... Enrico A. Marcelli, DO, FAOAO
Eric M. Slotkin, DO ................................................................................... Meagan M. Fernandez, DO, FAOAO
Amjad M. Yaish, DO .................................................................................. Peter B. Ajluni, DO, FAOAO

President’s Remarks ................................................................................... Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO, President
Installation of New President ................................................................. Terrence Philbin, DO, FAOAO
Incoming President’s Address ................................................................. Fred McAlpin, DO, FAOAO
Presentation of Outgoing President’s Plaque ............................................. Steven D. Morton, DO, FAOAO
Closing Remarks ........................................................................................ Fred McAlpin, DO, FAOAO
Benjamin Best, DO

Dr. Best is a graduate of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Upon graduation, he completed his orthopedic surgery residency at St. John Providence Health System. He then completed an additional fellowship in Trauma surgery at Wake Forest University-Baptist Health System. He is an active member of the OTA and an Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, a level 1 trauma center. He has been the program director of the Ascension St. John Orthopedic surgery program for the past 3 years. The program obtained initial ACGME accreditation in 2019 and currently have 10 residents.

Nicholas Cheney, DO

Dr. Cheney completed both his internship and orthopedic residency at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Following his residency, he completed a foot and ankle fellowship with the Orthopaedic Associates of Michigan in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His practice emphasis includes ankle arthroplasty, heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fractures, and foot/ankle sport injuries.

Justine Crowley, DO

Dr. Crowley earned her Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Biology from Colorado College before attending the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine to earn her doctoral degree. She completed her residency at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. She completed an Orthopedic Trauma Fellowship through Panorama Orthopedics & Spine in Colorado. Dr. Crowley is currently serving as the Acting Chief of Surgery at the Salem VA Medical Center (VAMC). She has been with the Salem VAMC since 2012. She serves as the Chair of the USA Ultimate Medical Advisory Committee and also as a USA Ultimate Team Physician as a way of staying involved in her favorite sport. She is grateful to her parents for their support and influence and to her mentors and trainers.
Jeffrey Dulik, DO

Dr. Jeff Dulik graduated from Ohio University College of Osteopathic medicine on March 19, 1995. He was one of three students that graduated early from OU-COM that year, and was awarded sub-internship at Doctors Hospital of Stark County in Massillon Ohio, where he ran the ICU under direction of Dr George Seese until he began his formal internship that July. After a one-year traditional internship Dr. Dulik began his orthopedic residency at Doctor’s Hospital of Stark County graduating in July 2000. Dr. Dulik entered private practice with Spectrum Orthopedics Inc. and have practiced in Canton, Ohio for 20 years. He has been a faculty member of Doctor’s Hospital residency since July 2000. He has served the three hospitals on many committees i.e. IRB’s, Quality committees, credentials Committee etc. and been a board member of Stark Co Medical society. Dr. Dulik has covered Jackson High School as team physician for 19 years, the ProFootball Hall of Fame games and State playoff sporting events. He has been a frequent lecturer for the 8th district Academy of Osteopathic Specialists and lectured and ran numerous cadaveric training nationally on Anterior Hip Arthroplasty as a consultant for Zimmer and Biomet. He has also co-developed an outpatient total joint protocol for Ohio Specialty surgical suites that was recognized nationally as the first free standing ASC awarded Advanced Hip and Knee certification by the Joint Commission. Dr. Dulik is also active in his community and a devoted family man.

Brad Homan, DO

Dr. Brad Homan received a Bachelor of Science with honors from the University of Florida and graduated medical school in the top 15% of his class at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. He completed his internship and residency was at Doctors Hospital and Grant Medical Center in Columbus, OH. Dr. Homan completed a Sports Medicine fellowship in Orlando, FL, and subsequently joined Celebration Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Institute. He currently serves as President of Celebration Orthopaedics. And also served three consecutive terms as Surgery Section Chair at AdventHealth Celebration. He was the Director of Sports Medicine from 2005-2016. Dr. Homan is the team physician for eight local high schools and is the local orthopaedic physician covering the NCAA football Bowl games at Camping World Stadium, as well as the NFL Pro Bowl. Dr. Homan is affiliated with the University of Central Florida Medical School and a preceptor for the AdventHealthFamily Practice residency program.
Matthew Koepplinger, DO

After graduating from Ohio University COM in 2003, Dr. Koepplinger attended a one-year internship at St. Vincent Mercy in Toledo, Ohio and then completed a residency in Orthopaedic Surgery at the same institution from 2004-2008. He completed a fellowship in Hand & Upper Extremity Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas in 2009. He was awarded a faculty position at Baylor College of Medicine in 2009-12 before leaving for University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, where he is presently located.

Robert Kollmorgen, DO

Dr. Robert Kollmorgen is a graduate of Midwestern University Chicago Osteopathic Orthopaedic residency and graduated in 2010. He served as a staff orthopaedic surgeon in the US Navy, specializing in sports medicine. He also received commendation for starting the hip arthroscopy program at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton. After service, Dr. Kollmorgen taught Osteopathic residents in Toledo, Ohio. He closed his practice and went through a Hip Preservation Fellowship at Duke University in 2016. Currently Dr. Kollmorgen is a hip preservation surgeon in Fresno, CA, and an Assistant Clinical Professor at UCSF, teaching residents, and the Director of Orthopaedic Research at UCSF Fresno.

Daniel Krenk, DO

Dr. Krenk graduated LECOM Erie, PA in 2001 and completed his orthopedic residency at Millcreek Community Hospital in Erie, PA in 2006. Dr. Krenk completed his Orthopedic Trauma Fellowship at Allegheny Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA in 2007. He is currently the Director of Orthopedic Trauma at a level one trauma center in Johnson City, TN. He has been with his current healthcare system since 2001. Dr. Jon Minter and Dr. Daniel Krenk, started the osteopathic orthopedic residency at Wellmont in 2010 and he became the Program director in 2013. Dr. Krenk has successfully transitioned the program into the ACGME and merged it with East Tennessee State University/Quillen College of Medicine.
Jason Lucas, DO

Dr. Jason Lucas graduated Medical School from North Texas Health Science Center-TCOM in 1998 and completed an Orthopedic Surgery Residency at Doctors Hospital-Columbus Ohio in 2003. A Sports Medicine, Shoulder and Knee Fellowship was completed in Los Angeles, California in 2004 at LA Orthopedics. Dr Lucas has been in private practice at Orthopedic Associates PA in Farmington, New Mexico since graduation of his Sports Medicine Fellowship. Dr Lucas recently completed a Masters of Health Administration in 2019 to further serve his medical community. He has been involved with many Medical Staff Leadership positions with currently Chief of Staff at his regional hospital and has served for four years on the Four Corners Surgery Center Executive Board. Dr Lucas has served his community as a Team Physician for a variety of local high schools for over 15 years and created the Athletic Training program that assists athletes from multiple high schools across the Four Corners. He has assisted the Academy diligently with multiple Oral and Clinical Examinations assisting in these areas of improvement for fellow Orthopedic Surgeons.

Christopher Reb, DO

Dr. Reb has served the University of Florida Orthopaedics as Associated Professor since 2016 and as Division Chief of Foot and Ankle Surgery since 2017. He graduated in the first quintile as class president at PCOM (DO ’10), received the best teaching intern award (’11) from UMDNJ SOM, and graduated the Rowan Orthopedics in 2015. He completed the Advanced Foot and Ankle Fellowship with Terry Philbin, DO in 2016.
Anthony Ricci, Sr, DO

Dr. Ricci started his osteopathic career in receiving his degree from UMDNJ-SOM (Rowan-SOM). He completed his intern and residency program at the same institution serving as chief intern and resident. He then completed an AOA/ACGME recognized and accredited fellowship at Graduate Hospital in Sports Medicine. Dr. Ricci is board certified in orthopedics and became recently certified in sports medicine by the AOBOS. He enjoys giving talks at different conferences including AOAO and WAOPS. Dr. Ricci has participated in the osteopathic community as a clinical board examiner, clinical instructor & preceptor, and national board exam reviewer & item writer. He serves as an Associate Master Instructor and has recently been honored as a Distinguished Arthroscopic Leader (DAL) by AANA. Currently, he is the management committee president for the Burlington/Walworth Market of Advocate Aurora Healthcare, which is the tenth largest healthcare system in the country. This includes 90 physicians, 55 advanced practice providers, 12 clinics & 2 Hospitals. He also serves as director of sports medicine for the entire Aurora Healthcare Medical Group. His wife Tina (pediatrician) are enjoying life in Wisconsin watching their kids in grow in high school and college. Dr. Ricci plans on continuing to be part of the osteopathic orthopedics community in teaching and learning for years to come.

Stephen Rossman, DO

Dr. Rossman is a graduate of Binghamton University and pursued his medical education at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine where he served as Chief Resident and was voted “Resident of the Year”, by his peers during his chief year. He completed his fellowship in Adult Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Minnesota. Before joining the orthopedic group at Hackensack Meridian Health Medical Group, Dr. Rossman spent the last three years at Chief of Adult Reconstructive Surgery at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.
Eric Slotkin, DO

Dr. Slotkin is currently the Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Reading hospital in Reading, PA, where he has been in private practice at the Orthopedic Associates of Reading since August of 2014. Dr. Slotkin received his AOBOS board certification in 2017 after completing resident training through the Pinnacle Health training program in Harrisburg, PA. Following residency, he completed additional fellowship training in Adult Reconstruction at the Cleveland Clinic.

Amjad Yaish, DO

Dr. Yaish has been privileged to practice general orthopedics in private practice since 2002. He is the senior practitioner at Macomb Orthopedics and perform surgeries at McLaren Macomb Hospital (formerly Mt Clemens General). He completed his resident training at Mt. Clemens General Hospital. Dr. Yaish performed his traditional rotating internship also at Mt Clemens General Hospital. He completed medical school at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. His undergraduate studies were completed at Vanderbilt University.