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### About FAIRx

Floridians for Attainable and Innovative Rx (FAIRx) is a physician-led and patient-focused coalition dedicated to helping insured Floridians access the life-sustaining, innovative therapies they need. We are working to raise awareness of discriminatory insurer benefit design that could keep Florida families from essential treatments.

### Why do we need FAIRx?

More than 13 million Floridians live with at least one chronic disease. If all Floridians had access to the treatment they need, an estimated 82,500 lives could be saved annually, according to the Partnership to End Chronic Disease. Unfortunately, health insurers in Florida are increasingly designing their plans in order to shift larger portions of health care costs onto those with chronic diseases by increasing out-of-pocket costs for critical therapies.

### How can FAIRx help?

While FAIRx hopes the state - with support from lawmakers - will continue down this promising path, we know this effort will require Florida's patient and provider groups, as well as individual patients, to speak with one voice.

Together, we want to engage in an advocacy campaign to:

- + Support state policies that make insurance coverage, coinsurance and copays more transparent and equitable.
- + Urge regulators and state policymakers to take action to protect all insured Floridians from out-of-pocket costs that could jeopardize their health.
- + Share personal stories from patients whose out-of-pocket costs are causing hardship for them or their families.

### FAIRx Campaign Partners



### How can Florida physicians help?

- + Join FAIRx. Visit our website to gather the facts and share the physician's perspective on the impact of high patient out-of-pocket costs.
- + Help get patients involved. Tell them about the organization and urge them to share their story on the Take Action page of our website.

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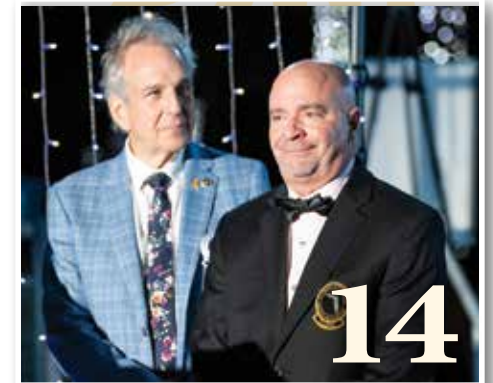
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AOA President Ira Monka, DO, welcomed newly elected FOMA President Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP, into office.



Congratulations to our 2024 Student Award Recipients



OCOM's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony presented by Drs. Kiran & Pallavi Patel

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**I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to serve as President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association... I am eager to contribute to the growth, progress, and success of this esteemed association.**



**MICHAEL MARKOU,**  
DO, FACOFP  
President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*“I will do my best to make this esteemed organization proud of me.”*

Ladies and Gentlemen, colleagues, and members of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, I stand here tonight deeply honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to serve as President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association. Thank you all for being here tonight to support me and most importantly to support FOMA.

This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I am eager to contribute to the growth, progress, and success of this esteemed association.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to all of you, the dedicated and passionate members of this association. Your commitment to advancing Osteopathic Medicine and providing the best possible healthcare to the people of Florida is truly inspiring. I am privileged to work alongside such a talented and devoted group of physicians.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the leadership of all previous presidents and members for their hard work, dedication, and foundation they have laid for us to build upon throughout the years. I am committed to continuing their efforts and, together with the FOMA staff, Board of Trustees, and the Executive Board, steering this association toward new heights.

Thank you, Dr. Scotch. I have watched you lead this organization during the past year, proudly and confidently. You shared with us your great leadership. Thank you so much. You know I took notes, knowing I was on deck for the job, I have a tough act to follow and I will do my best to make this esteemed organization proud of me, as we all are so proud of your last years leadership. Thank you!

Behind the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association's endless success and accomplishments throughout the years are the amazing directors and Staff. These folks require no introduction. I cannot say enough about their tireless work and devotion to promoting our Osteopathic Medical Profession and helping us look out for the better interests of our patients and members.

Steve Winn, our executive director now 50 years with the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, lobbying for this great profession in Tallahassee is well known and respected at the capital. He assures that we not only have a voice, but that our voices are heard lowed and clear as to advocating what is best for our patients, our members and our great Osteopathic profession.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



**STEPHEN R. WINN**  
Executive Director

The FOMA had an excellent legislative session, securing many of its legislative priorities on behalf of physicians, medical students, and patients. Together with our legislative partners under the Leadership of Paul Seltzer, DO, Legislative Chair the FOMA should be pleased with our Legislative results.

I want to thank the FOMA staff for their hard work in making this year's legislative session and Osteopathic Medicine Day at the Florida Capital a success. Additionally, I want to thank all the members and osteopathic medical students who traveled to Tallahassee to advocate on behalf of patients and the profession. Your time and dedication to the FOMA is always appreciated.

The AOA's DO Day at the US Capitol this year was again very productive. I was fortunate to partner again with Dr. Kaprow, presenting material concerning how organizations can enhance member services. The presentation was informative and well received by participants. Thank you FOMA Officers: Dr. Markou, President; Dr. Rankin, President-elect and Dr. Mendez, Director-at-Large for attending on behalf of FOMA and for meeting with our congressman in Washington.

FOMA President Michael Markou, DO, his wife Illiana and I attended a Governors Fellowship Certification Ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in April. The FOMA was one of the few Sponsors of the excellent Program for future leaders.

It was a pleasure spending time during the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation Banquet (The FOMA is a Sponsor) with Richard Thacker, DO his wife Sheri and his guest Congressman Neal Dunn, MD who gave the invocation.

Judy & I were invited to participate in the announcement of Tallahassee Community College's renaming to Tallahassee State College.

For the Month of April, FOMA sponsored the Brehon Family Services "Lace Up for Babies" virtual 5K. FOMA staff and their families walked to promote healthy babies and combat child abuse and neglect.

Finally, the FOMA Hunger Program now provides Weekend Meals for 250 elementary students. This has proven to be very successful. FOMA Staff looks forward to participating August 24th in the 4th Annual Tallahassee/Big Bend Community Outreach Event "Hunger Fight", providing nutritious meals to children, seniors, and families in need.

Remember — Please get out and Vote for the Candidate of your Choice.

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**The FOMA and staff are working diligently to ensure organizational goals and objectives on behalf of the membership are achieved.**

# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS from pg. 4

Steve, thank you so much for all you have done and all you keep doing! You have seen a lot of us come and go over the years. You are obviously a major factor, perhaps the secret ingredient, in the success of this organization.

Michelle Larson is our amazing associate executive director, she also serves as the President of the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors. Congratulations! And congratulations on the award you received tonight. Michelle has served the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association for 26 years!

Michelle, along with her amazing staff, are responsible for these successful meetings, conventions and pretty much all of the day-to-day operations. Since Covid, when we had

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to make some major adjustments, Michelle managed to put together the most successful virtual meetings, hybrid meetings and not to leave out, continues to organize these live meetings like no one else. We are so lucky to have her directorship. Thank you, Michelle.

Steve and Michelle proudly remind us that when you call FOMA, a live person picks up the phone and talks to you. That is how committed our directors and staff are to you.

We have amazing legal counsel, Jason Winn, Esquire. I have called and emailed him on several occasions during the past years with questions on Florida Osteopathic Medical laws, and he is always so generous with his time providing me with proper direction.

Steve, Michelle, Jason, and Staff, thank you for all you do. I am excited to work closer with all of you and to get to know you all even better during this next year.

Just a couple of years ago, thirty-three to be exact, I met a couple of Physicians, now past FOMA presidents, whom I have known well since Internship and Residency at Suncoast Hospital in Largo Florida. Dr. Greg James and Dr. Jeffrey Grove. They too require no introduction.

You are both great leaders locally and nationally of the Osteopathic Medical Profession and have been great friends to me during the years since day 1. You both showed great faith in me, encouraging me to get involved not only locally, with the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society, but eventually to join the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association board of trustees and just a few years ago, the Executive Board. I will never come close to matching what you both have given to this profession, both in leadership and your time. Thank you so much for your faith, encouragement, and truly, most importantly, for your friendship and for all you continue to do for the Osteopathic Medical Profession.

My father and Grandfather were both in the restaurant business. That's what Greeks do! We had no physicians in our family. So, I really had no early roll model who might have influenced my interest in becoming a physician.

I met the late Dr. C.P. Chambers, during high school. Ironically, this pioneer in hair transplant surgery taught me what a DO is and the difference DO's make with their unique approach to patient care. Little did I know at the time that he would share his skills with me, nor did I realize the mentor he would become. He wrote me a letter of recommendation to Kirksville, where I went. A few months later, I had been accepted to another school and I ran into Dr. Chambers at church, it was late June. He asked me, "Did you hear from Kirksville?" I said, "No." He said, "you call the admissions office tomorrow and tell them I told you to call." So, I thought, ok, like really, I'm going to call the school and tell them this. Well, Monday morning, I woke to a phone call from the presidents office asking if I can make it over there for an interview on Wednesday that week. Friday, that same week, I was accepted into the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and my Journey into Osteopathic Medicine officially began. Thank you, Dr. Chambers, for the faith you had in me. I know you are here in spirit tonight.

During my last year of family practice residency, I met the Late Dr. Sam Barker. I took over his family practice after residency and had the honor to work with him for many years after. He was a true Osteopathic Family Physician. His interaction with the patients and with his staff truly influenced the Family Physician I am today. Thanks Sam, I'm sure you are with us in spirit tonight. You were a great mentor.

So, thanks to these 2 great physicians, I have been blessed to specialize in treating patients in not only one great specialty, Family Medicine, but also in the specialty of Medical and Surgical Hair Restoration for 30 years now with great success. More success than I ever dreamed was possible.

I want to acknowledge Past FOMA president and Current number 1 delegate and chair of our Florida House Of Delegates, Dr. Anthony Ottaviani. Dr. Ottaviani also serves as The Exudative Director of the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society. From the days at Suncoast Hospital, where I rounded with him as an Intern and Resident, to the years of sharing the patients whom he helped me care for as a specialist in Pulmonary Medicine, he always influenced me to get involved with PCOMS and FOMA, and to move up in those societies. You taught me so much throughout the years. Thank you for your continued mentorship.

I am also honored to have had the mentorship and guidance of Past AOA President and past FOMA president, Dr. Philip Shettle. You too, showed great confidence in me, always inspired me and I am grateful to you.

I cannot mention the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Association, without mentioning a man who has been very dear to me, as he is to so many - Dr. Ken Webster, EdD. Although he couldn't be here tonight, he did text me this afternoon. He said, Dr. Markou, "So happy for you as you become President. What a great and deserved honor. So sorry I couldn't be there for this special day. Best wishes for a great and exciting year as president." Ken Webster. Thank you Ken!

My family is here tonight and I would like to introduce them to you.

My mom, Esther, is here with us tonight. She raised me and my sister along with the help of my grandparents, who I know are also here in spirit tonight. Your kindness, encouragement, never ending support, and Love for me and Roni, made us both the people, and

parents we are today. I can never begin to acknowledge the sacrifices you made for us throughout the years. I cannot thank you enough. I love you and I Thank you for being here for my special night.

My beautiful wife of 31 years, Iliana, is here tonight. I was an intern at Sun Coast Hospital when we met, It was a Friday the 13th that my sister and brother in law invited us both out on a blind date. Friday the 13th, Blind date, what can possibly go wrong. Iliana, I believe you agree that when we met, it was love at first site! And I know that is such a cliché, but it really is true. You have always encourage me during the ups and downs of life and running a practice. Everyday, you show your love for me and for our kids in a way that I would never have imagined that I would be blessed with. You are the angel that God sent to me. Thank you for being here on this special night. I do know that you wouldn't have missed it for the world. And you have given me the most precious, gift of all...our 3 kids, all here tonight. I love you more each day and you will always be my Angel!

My daughter Fransia, with her husband Kristo and almost 5 month old first child, and our first Grandchild, Lucas Andreas are here, My daughter Dominique, My son John Paul and his Girlfriend Alexis are also here. My sister Roni and her daughter Sevan, who is also my godchild, are here tonight. Sevan has worked for me now for 24 years. She started with filing charts at 16 and is now one of the greatest hair transplant technicians in the world — not exaggerating! It means so much that you are all here with me tonight. I love you all!



*Dr. Markou surrounded by his family*

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS from pg. 7

My kids are my pride and joy. My daughters are both veterinary physicians and my son is a professional dog groomer. Funny story, but I actually got a call from a pharmacy to refill a prescription for Prozac for a patient named Precious. No last name. Turns out it was for a cat, My daughters patient. I was tempted to approve it, after all, we don't need a depressed kitty without her Prozac.

Osteopathic medicine is not just a profession, it's a calling. It's about holistic care, empathy, and a commitment to the well being of our patients. Its about that vibrational, energetic bond that we are capable of making with any patient that enters our exam room that makes us special doctors. Never forget this!

**Together, let's continue to foster an environment that promotes collaboration, innovation, and continuous learning. Let us continue to embrace the challenges that lie ahead with enthusiasm, knowing that each obstacle is, as it always has been, an opportunity for growth.**

The focus of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association is advocacy for our patients and Osteopathic Physicians. By working closely with our members, healthcare partners, and policymakers, and with God's help above, we can ensure that Osteopathic Medicine remains at the forefront of healthcare delivery in Florida, the United States, and around the world. Through continued education and training, we will empower our members to provide the highest quality of care to our patients.

I will also emphasize the importance of unity within our association. Together, we can achieve more than any one of us can alone. I encourage an open exchange of ideas and a collaborative spirit that transcends any differences among us.

In closing, I am excited about the journey ahead and confident that, with your support and collaboration, we will continue to achieve great things together.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT from pg. 5

**ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHELLE W. LARSON, CAE, CMP**, reports that Bureau of Medical Education Chairs: Dr. Ronald Burns and Dr. William Silverman, along with the committee members, had 450+ attendees at the Live Convention at the Marriott HarborBeach Resort & Spa in Ft. Lauderdale, February 16 – 18, 2024. Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP, FOMA President and the 2024 FOMA Executive Committee were installed by Ira Monka, DO, AOA President. We had 1,750+ attendees for the 2024 FOMA Virtual Convention, March 8 – 10, 2024. The Committee met and is working on the speakers & educational topics for the 2024 Virtual FOMA Mid-Year Seminar, September 6 - 8, 2024, which will offer up to 27 AOA (1-A) credits. They are also working on the Feb. 21 - 23, 2025 FOMA Live Convention at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando and the March 28 – 30, 2025 FOMA Virtual Convention. All programs will include the mandatory hours for Florida re-licensure. The AOA House of Delegates is scheduled for July 18 – 21, 2024, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, JASMINE SMITH** reports that a new Know the Issues is in production, and the latest issue of the FOMA Journal will go out in May. The Spring Journal includes highlights from the 2024 FOMA Annual Virtual and Live Conventions, FOMA's Osteopathic Medicine Day, and information on dates and registration options for the FOMA Virtual Seminar in September. The FOMA weekly Newswire continues to provide our members with updates from the Governor's Office, state agencies, national and state organizations, and events of interest. You may update your email through the website's member Login to ensure you get FOMA's latest news. As always, don't forget to make it part of your daily routine to visit [www.foma.org](http://www.foma.org) and follow our social media accounts for up-to-date information.

**DIRECTOR OF MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP, ANDREW FLOYD, MBA, CAE, CMP-HC**, reports that over 500 physicians have joined FOMA in the past year. Membership growth continues to be a vital strength of our association. If you know anyone who would like to receive a membership invitation, please contact me at the FOMA Executive Office. FOMA District Society meetings continue to be planned throughout the year, and member physicians are encouraged to attend these meetings. They offer a great opportunity to network with physicians while earning free CME credit!

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION, HEATHER GRANT**, has been assisting with membership (both current & welcoming new members) and is proud to say we have had a great number of new members for 2023. She is entering credits with the AOA & CE Broker, and adding courses on The CME Center. The FOMA educational courses can be found on our website: [www.foma.org](http://www.foma.org) and [www.thecmecenter.org](http://www.thecmecenter.org). She is currently working on the July 2024 Virtual FSACOFP registrations which are coming in steadily. She continues working on the 2024 FOMA Corporate Education Roundtable membership.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, KAYE TAIT**, reports that the 2024 – 2025 FOMA Annual Dues Notices have been emailed to our members! FOMA dues are payable May 1, 2024. FOMA Dues, FOMA Foundation, and FOMA-PAC contributions can all be made directly on the FOMA website. Sign-up for our 2024 Virtual FOMA Mid-Year Seminar, before August 16th, 2024, to lock in your early bird pricing! Thank you, FOMA members, for your prompt payments and generous donations to the FOMA-PAC! Please make online payments for your dues and educational programs on our website, [www.foma.org](http://www.foma.org).

**If you know a DO in your area who is not a FOMA member, invite them to one of your District Society meetings or tell them how they can get involved in the FOMA. This is a great chance to interact with your peers and keep up to date on the latest changes in osteopathic medicine and to showcase what the FOMA has to offer!**



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN  
Paul D. Seltzer, DO

*“Working with our partners, the FOMA successfully passed legislation important to patients and physicians”*

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE as of APRIL 17, 2024

As billed in the lead-up to the session, the legislature prioritized health care policy during the 2024 Legislative Session. **Working with our partners, the FOMA successfully passed legislation important to patients and physicians**, expanding reimbursement under Workers' Compensation, increasing funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME) and the Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education (FRAME) program, and working with legislators to resolve concerns with projected physician workforce shortages. The FOMA and its partners also successfully defeated measures to expand the scope of practice of unqualified health care practitioners and a measure to expand the number of individuals qualified to file medical malpractice claims.



Steve Winn, Senate President  
Kathleen Passidomo & Jason  
D. Winn, Esq.

**Live Healthy:** Citing the importance of ensuring Floridians have access to health care services, **Senate President Kathleen Passidomo shifted the policy from traditional access and affordability issues toward addressing critical health care workforce shortages through the “Live Healthy” initiative.** According to some experts, the U.S. could see a shortfall of up to 124,000 physicians by 2034, with Florida needing 17,924 physicians by 2035, including 5,974 primary care specialists.

Laser-focused and committed to reversing the trend, **the legislature passed SB 7016 and SB 7018. Governor DeSantis signed the bills into law on March 21, 2024.**

SB 7016, referred to as the “flagship” of the Live Healthy Initiative, introduces several policies impacting physicians in Florida to address physician workforce shortages and improve access to care. The bill:

- Increases funding for the Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education (**FRAME**) program from **\$16 million to \$30 million**, providing up to \$150,000 over four years to physicians working in underserved areas;
- **Increases the Slots for Docs program funding from \$30 million to \$50 million** to support medical residency placements;
- Creates limited licenses for Graduate Assistant Physicians who do not match a residency program, permitting them to practice under supervision for up to three years;
- The bill provides physician mobility across states by **incorporating Florida's participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.**

SB 7018 establishes the Health Care Innovation Council, a 15-member body within the Department of Health tasked with leading public meetings statewide to engage with technology innovators, developers, and those implementing new workforce pathways and service delivery models. The council will develop best practice recommendations focusing on enhancing the efficiency of health care delivery, easing the workload on health care professionals, broadening public access to health care, improving patient outcomes, minimizing unnecessary emergency department visits, and reducing health care costs.

**Budget:** The FOMA is pleased to report that the legislature remains committed to funding graduate medical education (GME). This year, **the legislature provides robust funding for GME, providing \$442 million, an increase of \$12 million above the current year.** In addition to the aforementioned funding increases to FRAME and Slots for Docs, the budget includes a \$191 million Statewide Medicaid Residency Program and \$55.7 million GME Startup Bonus Program.

The FY 2024-25 budget also includes a **\$43.1 million increase for physicians providing Medicaid pediatric services.** This funding is subject to the approval of the Governor.

**Workers' Compensation:** Addressing concerns relating to reimbursement under Workers' Compensation was a significant legislative priority of the FOMA and its partners. **We are happy to report that the legislature passed SB 362, increasing Workers' reimbursement rates for physicians to 175 percent of the reimbursement allowed under Medicare and reimbursement for surgical procedures to 210 percent of the reimbursement allowed by Medicare.**

**Scope of Practice:** **The FOMA and its partners successfully voiced opposition to measures that would have expanded the scope of practice of APRNs, CRNAs, certified psychiatric nurses, and psychologist prescribing.** All such measures stalled in committee or failed to have a hearing.

**Medical Malpractice:** **The FOMA also prevented legislation expanding medical liability claims to persons currently excluded from eligibility to file for damages.** Although Senator Yarborough amended SB 248 to reinstate caps on damages, a policy supported by the FOMA and FMA, the bill stalled in committee. All similar legislation in the House failed to receive a hearing. This issue will return in the next session. In the interim, the FOMA and its partners will continue to advocate for reinstating caps on damages and other measures to address concerns relating to medical malpractice.



**Governor Review:** The FOMA monitors the process as the legislature submits bills to the Governor for review. To date, **the Governor has signed 12 of 36 bills of interest into law.** Bills signed into law highlights include:

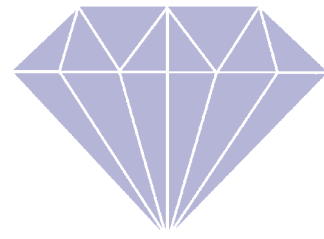
- SB 7016 Health Care
- SB 7018 Health Care Innovation
- HB 0201 Emergency Refills of Insulin
- HB 0883 Short-acting Bronchodilator Use in Schools

**Legislative Research:** **For a comprehensive list of legislation filed in 2024, please visit the legislative bill tracking page on the FOMA website at <https://www.foma.org/legislative-bills-2024>.** This page lists all health care legislation of interest filed for 2024. Click on the bill links for the bill history and other information.

**The FOMA 2024 Know the Issues** will be published soon after the Governor makes his final determination on transmitted legislation. **This comprehensive document will offer a complete analysis of legislation passed during the session, detailing its impact on the osteopathic profession and patients and outlining any actionable items for our members.**



Steve Winn & Senate  
Appropriations Chair  
Doug Broxso



# 2024 FOMA-PAC Roll of Honor

The FOMA-PAC wishes to express its appreciation to the following contributors. Your financial contributions and your participation in the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association Political Action Committee (FOMA-PAC) demonstrate your commitment to osteopathic medicine and your concern for the future of quality healthcare for all Floridians.

## 10 Diamond Presidential (AT LEAST \$30,000)

Jeffrey Grove, DO

## 9 Diamond Presidential (AT LEAST \$25,000)

Joanne Bujnoski, DO  
Jamie Goodman

## 8 Diamond Presidential (AT LEAST \$20,000)

James Milne, DO  
Joel B. Rose, DO  
James St. Louis, DO  
Stephen R. Winn

## 7 Diamond Presidential (AT LEAST \$15,000)

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Nicole Bixler, DO

## 5 Diamond Presidential (AT LEAST \$10,000)

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Florida Society of the ACOFP  
Mark A. Foppe, DO  
William Hightower  
Marc Kaprow, DO  
Michelle Mendez, DO  
Ronald Renuart, DO

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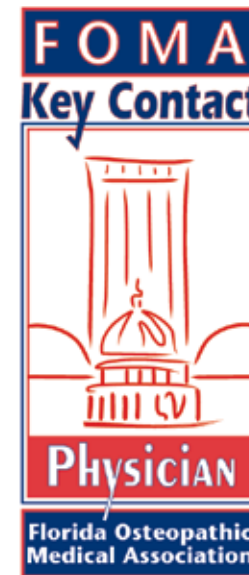
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# THE FOMA 2024 Annual Conventions

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2024 AND MARCH 8-10

The 2024 FOMA Live, February 16–18 (offered up to 27 AOA 1A credits) at the Marriott Harbor Beach in sunny Ft. Lauderdale & 2024 Virtual Convention (offered up to 30 AOA 1A credits), held March 8–10, were both a success. This year, the Live Convention had recording breaking 450+ osteopathic physicians, students and exhibitors attend. The Virtual Convention had 1,700+ osteopathic physicians and students participating from all regions of the country! Physicians could interact with speakers and fellow attendees in the “live chat” section, and they could watch the lectures for 30 days after the end of the event. Topics for both Conventions included: Tick Borne Diseases in North America, Prevention of HPV-associated Cancers, Revolutionizing Healthcare: The Future of Medicine and AI, Environmental Medicine and Common Diseases in GI as well as several OMT Workshops. Both Conventions included the Florida mandatory hours for re-licensure.



AOA President Ira Monka, DO, welcomed newly elected FOMA President Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP, into office.

The 14th Annual FOMA Resident/Intern/Student Research Competition was held Friday, February 16, via ZOOM during the



The new 2024-25 FOMA Officers are: (seated) Second Vice-President Jeffrey Nelson, DO, FACOFP; Past President Brett M. Scotch, DO, FAOCO; President Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP; President-Elect Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, MRO, FACOFP; Sean McCann, DO; (standing) Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC; Michelle Mendez, DO; First Vice-President James Towry, DO, FAOCD, FAAD; and Directors-at-Large: Cesar DeLeon, DO; and Joseph Sassano, DO.

## DR. BRETT SCOTCH PRESENTED THE 2024 FOMA AWARDS



**Physician of the Year Award**  
presented to Marc Kaprow, DO,  
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**Lifetime Achievement Award**  
presented to Ronald R. Burns,  
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**Distinguished Service Award**  
presented to Robert George,  
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The highest award FOMA may bestow to an individual is the FOMA Distinguished Service Award honoring outstanding accomplishments in science, professionalism, osteopathic education, or service to the osteopathic profession or citizens of Florida at a state or national level.

FOMA Live Convention and was a success! Thank you to Tamera L. Vickerson, PhD, MA, Director of Graduate Medical Education and Assistant Professor, Medical Education at NSU KPCOM – Tampa Bay campus, our judges, and staff who put the competition together. We want to thank the Osteopathic Foundation of East Orlando for their continued sponsorship of this event! All participants received a certificate and gift card. The winners received over \$2,500 in prize money.

On Saturday, February 17, AOA President Ira Monka, DO, installed the new 2024-25 FOMA Officers during the FOMA Board of Trustees meeting. He then welcomed newly elected FOMA President Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP, into office Saturday night during the evening reception. The new 2024-25 FOMA Officers are: President Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP; Past President Brett M. Scotch, DO, FAOCO; President-Elect Bruce Rankin, DO, FACOFP; First Vice-President James Towry, DO, FAOCD, FAAD; Second Vice-President Jeffrey Nelson, DO, FACOFP; and Directors-at-Large: Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC; Cesar DeLeon, DO, MHA; Sean McCann, DO; Michelle Mendez, DO; and Joseph Sassano, DO.





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Saturday night, Dr. Scotch bestowed four FOMA Special Presidential Recognition Awards to the following: **Robert Hasty, DO, FACOI, FACP**, founding Dean of the Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine for his hard work and dedication to the future of osteopathic medicine; **Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM** for being a pioneer in the profession and for being elected the first ever DO President of the Florida Medical Association; **Michelle W. Larson, CAE, CMP, FOMA Associate Executive Director** for her 26 years of association management and for leading the FOMA Team and **Ken Webster, EdD**, (not pictured) for his life-long commitment to the osteopathic profession.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

FOMA gives a round of applause to all the 2024 award winners. Thank you for your commitment and leadership.



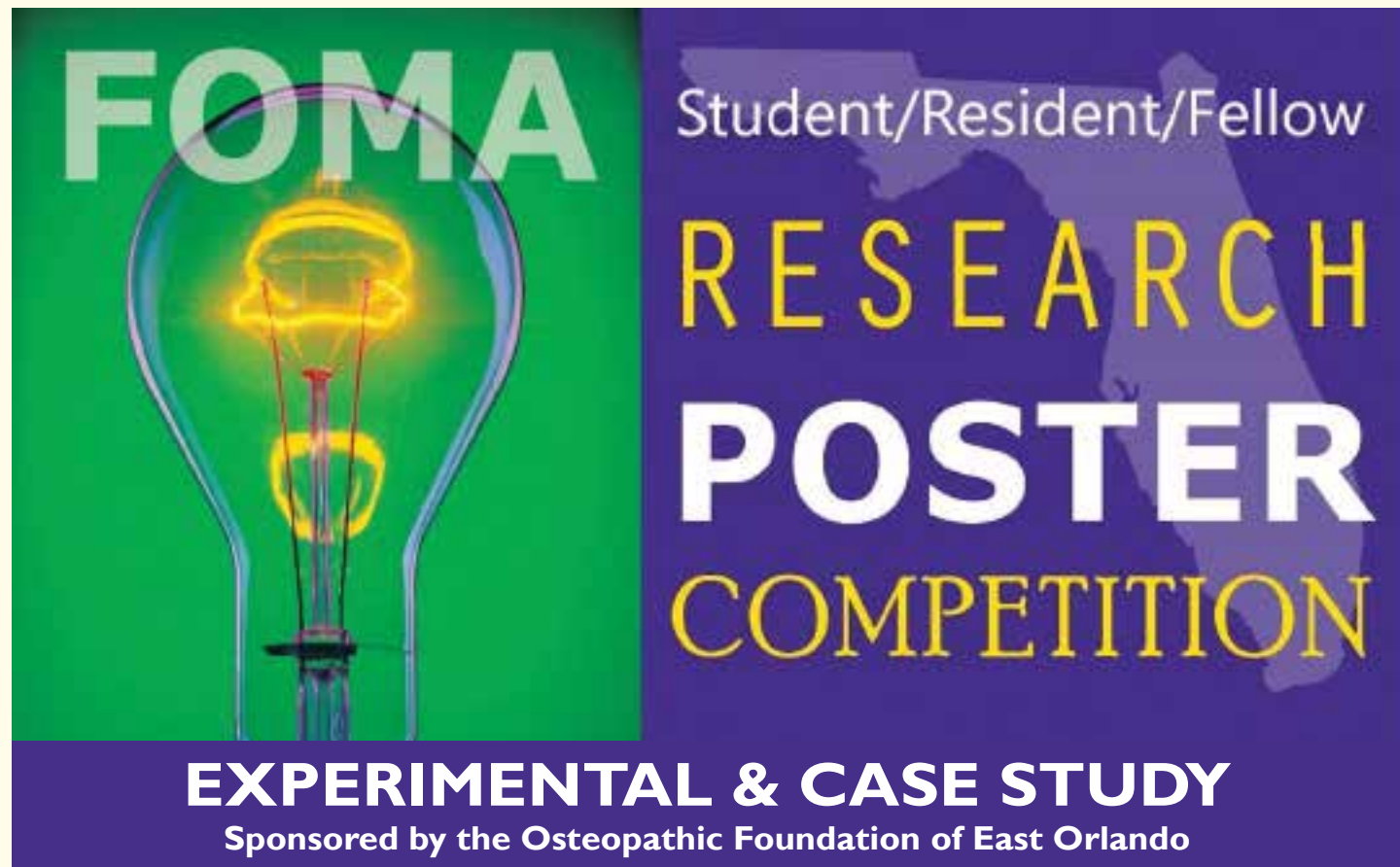
Pictured from left to right: Madeline Spettel, OMS II, LECOM-Bradenton; Joachim Kavalakatt, OMS II, LECOM-Bradenton; Jason Nguyen, OMSII, NSU KPCOM-Tampa Bay; Matthew Green, OMS II, NSU KPCOM-Tampa Bay

Not Pictured: Jack Carter, OMS I, LECOM-Bradenton; Matea Spaihu, OMS II, LECOM-Bradenton



# CONVENTION SPOTLIGHT





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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 WINNERS!

### ..... OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENT WINNERS .....

- FIRST PLACE** *LUHMES Cells: A Promising In Vitro Model for Studying Tauopathy in Alzheimer's Disease*  
**Madeline Moffett, OMS1; Mayur Parmar, PhD, MS**  
 Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
- SECOND PLACE** *The Impact of Batch Size on Deep Learning AI Models for Malaria Detection*  
**Rohit Muralidhar, OMS2; Michelle L. Demory, PhD; Marc M. Kesselman, DO** Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
- THIRD PLACE** *Anatomical Variants of Genicular Arteries using Computed-Tomography Angiography for Genicular Arterial Embolization of the Osteoarthritic Knee*  
**Nimmi Marie Mathews, OMS2; Osmanuddin S. Ahmed, MD; Mikin V. Patel, MD** Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

### RESIDENT/FELLOWS WINNERS

- FIRST PLACE** *A Platelet Rich Plasma Injection Under Real-Time Ultrasonographic Guidance to Treat a U.S. Soldier's Service-Connected Finger Extensor Laceration: A Novel Pcedural Treatment*  
**Charlie Woo, DO, PGY5; Jovanie Tankeu, MD, PGY4; Joseph Mouhanna, MD; Christine Olanrewaju, DO; Larkin Community Hospital, Pain Medicine Fellowship Program**
- SECOND PLACE** *Hidden Agony: Severe Pain with a Deceptive Blank Canvas - A Rare Case of Posttraumatic Pyomyositis*  
**Zein Barakat, DO, MS, PGY1; Sami Ghozayel, MS4; Lamia Khan, MD, Lakeland Regional Health, Internal Medicine Residency Program**
- THIRD PLACE** *From Psychedelic Exploration to Psychosis: A Unique Case Report Demonstrating the Susceptibility to Schizophrenia Unveiled by a Single LSD Experience*  
**Michelle X. Wu, DO, PGY1; Joseph Pullara, MD, Lakeland Regional Health, Psychiatry Residency Program**

### FUTURE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AWARD

*Evaluating the Current Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Regarding Chagas Disease*

**Chanakya R. Bhosale, OMS1; Santiago Ortiz, OMS2; Ambika Kapil, OMS2; Angeline Triyono, OMS2; Thomas Matthews, MSc, OMS2; Anna Potter, PhD**  
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*Thank you to Osteopathic Foundation East Orlando and Tameria L. Vickerson, Ph. D., MA Director, GME, Assistant Professor, Medical Education NSU-KPCOM Tampa Bay, staff and judges.*





# Florida HEALTH | Project READY

## Healthy Aging, Healthy Brain

### IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT

Over the past year, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) has been working closely with several partners, including the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA), to develop and distribute resources related to Alzheimer's Disease and other related Dementias (ADRD).

As ADRDs are some of the most difficult conditions to diagnose and treat, osteopathic physicians play an important role in ADRD management.

Osteopathic physicians are well-suited to practice early detection and provide a timely diagnosis because of their experience in looking beyond symptoms to explore how lifestyle and environmental factors impact a patient's current and future quality of life. Moreover, a whole-person approach to treatment is ideal because these diseases take a toll on a patient's mind, body, and support system.

Early diagnosis and identification of modifiable risk factors is crucial to improving health care outcomes for patients and their families. However, because cognitive decline can be difficult to diagnose in a primary care setting, it is important to use validated cognitive assessment tools to screen patients 65 and older during yearly Medicare visits.

In collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, DOH has made a variety of resources available through the Project READY webpage and the featured QR Code, including cognitive assessment tools, CPT code information, and professional development opportunities.



Project READY and the Healthy Aging, Healthy Brain Initiative is brought to you by the Biomedical Research Program under the Public Health Research Section within the Division of Community Health Promotion.

## 2024 FSACOFF / FOMA Virtual Convention & Family Medicine Update

### July 26-27, 2024

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**Earn Your Florida  
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# OCOM'S RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

*presented by*

## DRS. KIRAN & PALLAVI PATEL

MARCH 10TH, 2024 • ORLANDO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
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With great excitement and anticipation, we presented the grand opening celebration and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine (OCOM) on March 10th. We want to express our sincere appreciation for your intended patronage. To all those who attended, we want you to know your presence added to the joy and significance of this momentous occasion.

Your participation meant the world to us, and it was an honor to share this day of celebration, gratitude, and achievement with you. Recognizing our founders, Dr. Kiran and Pallavi Patel, with family, close friends, and everyone who made OCOM happen was truly special.

Our sincere thanks to our founders, Dr. Kiran and Pallavi Patel, with family, close friends, and everyone to all who made OCOM happen is truly special. Thank you for being a crucial part of OCOM's journey. Together, let's celebrate progress, honor our co-founders, and look forward to an exciting future.

Warm regards,

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# Make a Strong Flu Vaccine Recommendation

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Information for Health Care Professionals for adults aged 50-64

CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get an influenza (flu) vaccine every year.

## Your Vaccine Recommendation is Critical

As a health care professional (HCP), your strong recommendation is a critical factor in whether your patients get a flu vaccine. Research indicates that most adults are likely to get their flu vaccine if their doctor or health care professional recommends it to them. Most adults believe vaccines are important, but they need a reminder from you to get vaccinated.

## Adults aged 50-64 Need a Flu Vaccine

Approximately one-fifth of the U.S. population is comprised of people between the ages of 50 and 64. Flu vaccination can offer important protection for this age group. Many of these people are at high risk of developing serious flu complications.

- About one-third of adults aged 50-64 have an underlying medical condition that puts them at higher risk for flu-related complications.
- Influenza vaccination prevents millions of illnesses and thousands of hospitalizations in adults aged 50-64. Increasing the number of adults in this age group who are vaccinated will further reduce the impact of influenza each year.



## When to Vaccinate

- CDC recommends that vaccination should be offered in September or October. However, vaccination should continue throughout flu season as long as flu viruses are circulating, even into January or later.
- If you do not offer vaccine at your facility, make a flu vaccine referral, and then follow up with each patient during subsequent appointments to ensure they got vaccinated. If the patient remains unvaccinated, repeat the recommendation/referral and try to identify and address any questions or concerns.

## How to Make a Strong Flu Vaccine Recommendation

Based on years of research into vaccine motivators, CDC has developed a mnemonic device to help HCPs make a strong vaccine recommendation. This method known as "SHARE" can help you to make a strong vaccine recommendation and provide important information to help patients make informed decisions about vaccinations.

**S-SHARE** the reasons why the an influenza vaccine is right for the patient given his or her age, health status, lifestyle, occupation, or other risk factors. CDC recommends annual vaccination for everyone 6 months and older with any licensed, age-appropriate flu vaccine with no preference expressed for one vaccine over another.

*"This vaccine can protect you and your family from getting sick from flu. By getting the vaccine today, you'll be protecting yourself and the people around you who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like your children and parents."*



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# FROM AROUND THE STATE... DISTRICT REPORTS

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 2** – FOMA District Society 2 held its 2024 Annual Primary Care and Cardiovascular Symposium in St. Augustine, Florida, March 16th – 19th, 2024 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.



FOMA District Society 2 would like to congratulate Marla Golden, DO on being named Dean of PCOM South Georgia DO Program. Congratulations Dr. Golden!

Marla DePolo Golden, DO '88, MS, FACEP, will become Dean of the osteopathic medicine program at PCOM South Georgia. A 1988 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, she is currently associate dean of clinical education for both PCOM Georgia in Suwanee and PCOM South Georgia in Moultrie.



*Marla DePolo Golden, DO, MS, FACEP*

“Dr. Golden has served our College in various administrative and faculty capacities since 2010,” Peter F. Bidey, DO '08, dean and chief academic officer of the osteopathic medicine program in Philadelphia, said in announcing

Dr. Golden's appointment as dean. “She first functioned as a preceptor to PCOM students in her integrative pain medicine practice, teaching students the benefits of a comprehensive osteopathic approach to patients and their pain and allowing them to hone their OMT (osteopathic skills.)”

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 3** – FOMA District Society 3 held a District Society dinner meeting on December 12th, 2024 at Season's 52 in Orlando, FL.

A lecture entitled “Update on Rotator Cuff” was presented by Sean McFadden, DO.

FOMA District 3 would like to congratulate Ronald Burns, DO, FACOFP, FOMA Past President, on being awarded the 2024 FOMA Lifetime Achievement Award!



*FOMA Past President Brett Scotch, DO, FAOCO & Marc Kaprow DO, MHA, MACOI*



*FOMA Past-President Brett Scotch, DO, FAOCO & Ronald Burns, DO, FACOFP*

FOMA District 3 would also like to congratulate Marc Kaprow DO, MHA, MACOI, on being awarded the 2024 FOMA Physician of the Year Award!



*Bruce Rankin, DO, FACOFP*

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 4** – District Society 4 – FOMA District 4 would like to congratulate Bruce Rankin, DO, FACOFP, for being elected FOMA President-elect for 2024-2025. Congratulations Dr. Rankin!

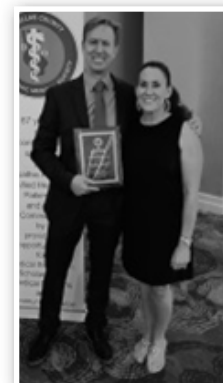
**DISTRICT SOCIETY 5** – FOMA District 5 held our 35th Annual Student Golf Scholarship Tournament in September generating the most revenue since its inception. The proceeds of this annual event provide scholarship funds for students annually. The PCOMS extended our appreciation to our scholarship



committee, Bridget Bellinger, DO Chair, Scott Ray, DO Co-Chair, Kevin's Ache, DO, PCOMS Administrator Lisa Belliveau and Anthony Ottavaviani, DO.

Four scholarship recipients for this year were recognized at our Holiday dinner by the chair of the scholarship committee, Michael Hadley, DO. Recognized were Danielle Aizenman OMSII, Madeline, Moffitt, OMSII, Bradley Gregory OMSII and Rita Shoukry OMSII. Each student received \$1,000.00.

The PCOMS Annual Holiday Dinner and Annual Business Meeting was held in December at the Sheridan Sand Key Resort, Clearwater, FL. Over 100 members, colleagues and friends were in attendance. Stacy Chase, DO, FACOFP, FAOGME was elected to a second term as president of the PCOMS. Dr. Chase will be the 66th president of the PCOMS. The above scholarships were awarded.



The PCOMS recognized several physician leaders:

Michael Hadley, DO, was recognized as the PCOMS Physician of the Year. Dr. Hadley is Board certified in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulation and specializes in Osteopathic Manipulation. Dr. Hadley is a past president of the F.A.O., is on

the board of directors of the PCOMS, serves as Chair of the PCOMS Scholarship Committee and is consistently evaluated as a “top presenter” at the PCOMS Winter Seminar. Dr. Hadley is held in high regard by patients and peers for his excellence in patient care, compassionate demeanor, and educating, mentoring of students and peers.

Mark C. Stine, DO, FACOI Program Director of the Internal Medicine Program at Northside was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award for his years of commitment

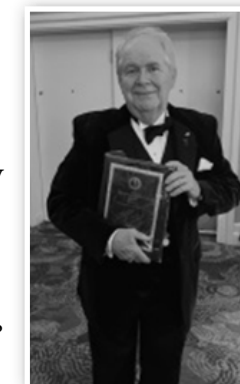


to patient care, graduate medical education, and the community. A highly regarded educator, physician and committed leader, he was recognized as the first recipient of the Humanitarian Award HCA at Northside Hospital and has been recognized by residents and faculty on multiple occasions at several hospitals for his patient care commitment, mentoring of students and residents with the “Golden Apple Award”.

Arthur Berman, DO, was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award for his 37 years of dedication and service to patients, community, and the profession. Dr. Berman has been recognized for his research, patient care and his education of medical students, residents, fellows, and Allied Health Care professionals. He has received numerous recognitions over the years including “Patient Choice Award”, “Florida most Recommended”, “Best in Florida Magazine” and others.



Gregory L. Garvin, DO, FACOP Emeritus, FAAP Senior, was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award. During a career spanning 40 years he held numerous leadership roles in hospital, at the state and national levels. He has served as chairman of medical departments, Education Committees, president of his county society and Iowa osteopathic Medical Association and much more. He remains active professionally, continues to teach medical students, lectures at county conferences and patients. A recent acknowledgment of his professional and academic achievement was his appointment to the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.



The Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society held the 35th Annual Osteopathic Winter Seminar January 17-20, 2024, at Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach, FL. There were 550 physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners in attendance. Medical students were also in attendance. Registrants could attend by either in-person or by virtual platform. Guests included Theresa Hubka, DO President Elect of the AOA, Brett Scotch, DO, FOMA President. Guest speakers included



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Karen Nichols, DO speaking on physician leadership and as past Chair of the ACGME Board of Directors on the Single Accreditation System. Drs Hubka and Nichols held a special session on Thursday evening with osteopathic medical students and faculty consisting of a question-and-answer format on graduate medical education.

The Presidential Luncheon was held on Friday and hosted and by Dr. Chase, president of the PCOMS. Dr. Hubka, President -Elect of the AOA presented an update from the AOA on areas of interest. Dr. Brett Scotch and his wife Jodi also attended – Dr. Scotch brought greetings from the FOMA and an update on FOMA activities.



At the luncheon the PCOMS continued its tradition of recognizing our Pinellas County First Responders. This year we recognized five First Responders with their family, friends, and Supervisor/Department Directors present. Those recognized are nominated and selected by their peers/supervisors for this recognition.

Members of Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society were present for the impressive FOMA installation ceremony of Michael Markou, DO as FOMA President. Dr. Markou also served as president of the PCOMS. We thank him for his service at the local, county and state level.

We also extend our appreciation to Lee Ann Brown, DO, as she completes her term as Immediate Past President of the FOMA. Dr. Brown also has served as president of the PCOMS and continues to give freely of her time. Dr. Brown and her husband Brad freely give of their time to non-profit community foundations and organizations.

This annual event brings approximately (100) physicians and guests together for a three-hour cruise with great food, beverages, and entertainment.

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 6** – FOMA District 6 would like to congratulate Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC, FOMA District 6 President on being elected President-elect of the Broward County Medical Association!



The Broward County Osteopathic Medical Association(BCOMA) (District 6) held their Third Annual Residency Director Medical Students Program. An



estimated 250 medical students attended with 6 Residency Directors educating the students on what was required to be accepted

into each of their specialty programs.

The BCOMA Presidential Recognition Awards were given to Nishad Mysore



and Sheela Anasseri in recognition of their invaluable contributions with enthusiasm, tireless dedication and service to the BCOMA. Mr. Mysore and Ms. Anasseri will be graduating from the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2024.

BCOMA President, Kayvan Amini, DO was appointed to the FOMA Executive Committee as a Director-At-Large.

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 7** – FOMA District 7 put on their 14th Annual CME Seminar at the campus of LECOM-Bradenton which offered 8 hours of AOA Credits.



Speakers included Joel Rose, DO who is seen here.



Also pictured is Joseph Sassano, DO President of FOMA District 7 and Director Linda Kunke at The DS-7 Holiday Party.

FOMA District 7 would like to congratulate Robert George, DO, on being awarded the FOMA Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations Dr. George!



Gregory James, DO, MPH, FACOFP accepts the award on behalf of Robert George, DO.



**DISTRICT SOCIETY 9** – FOMA District 9 would like to congratulate William Stager, DO, MS, MPH, FAAFP, FAAMA, FAAO, FACOFP, FOMA District Society 9 President on being installed as the 2024 AAO President.



Congratulations Dr. Stager!

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 10** – FOMA District 10 would like to thank Brett M. Scotch, DO, FAOCO for serving as the 2023-2024 FOMA President. Congratulations Dr. Scotch on a great year!



The Hillsborough County Osteopathic Medical Society FOMA District 10, held their annual holiday dinner on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at the Centre Club in Tampa, FL. Annual awards were given to the following members:

Physician of the Year  
Stuart Chesky, DO, JD



Distinguished Service Award  
Sasha Noe, DO, Ph.D.



Lifetime Achievement Award  
Michael Austin, DO



At this event a scholarship was presented to Evan Maroun. Evan is a 2nd year student at the NSU KPCOM Tampa Bay.

The following members were proud to be elected as new Trustees for FOMA District 10. The new Trustees are:

Joel Rose, DO, Robert Norman, DO, Ron Torrance, II., DO, FAOASM and Shailesh Rajguru, DO, FACN. and the alternate is Michael Austin, DO. Sasha Noe, DO, Ph.D. and Brett Scotch, DO, FAOCO will continue to serve as well.

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**DISTRICT SOCIETY 12** – FOMA District Society 12 held a meet & greet meeting on January 18th, 2024 at The Salted Brick in Ocala, FL.



Robert Hasty, DO, FACOI, FACP, Dean OCOM, Jim Towry, DO, FOMA 1st VP, Diana Graves, DO, FOMA DS-12 President, and Steve Winn, FOMA Executive Director.

The meeting welcomed attendees to gather socially with their colleagues in the area to discuss the future of the District. Complimentary food and beverage were provided and the meeting was welcomed with great enthusiasm.



# STUDENT NEWS

## NSU-KPCOM DAVIE CAMPUS SGA

Student doctors at Ft. Lauderdale NSU-KPCOM have been involved in many exciting activities. In December, students had the opportunity to provide medical care in India, Ecuador, Jamaica, and Vietnam. During these experiences, students got to triage patients, take histories, do multiple organ system exams, provide various osteopathic manipulations, and organize medications. In January, students volunteered at Camp Boggy Creek where they had the opportunity to do various camp activities like archery, animal therapy, and woodshop, help with meal time, and more with children suffering



from serious illnesses ranging from craniofacial disorders to sickle cell anemia. In February, the Executive Student Government



Association, in collaboration with the Broward County Osteopathic Medical Association, held their 3rd annual Residency Director Panel where students had the opportunity to network with local Family Medicine, Neurology, Anesthesiology, Ophthalmology, Emergency Medicine, Orthopedics, and Dermatology residency



NSU-KPCOM Davie Campus hosted a huge beach clean-up at Dania Beach for National DO Day of Compassion.

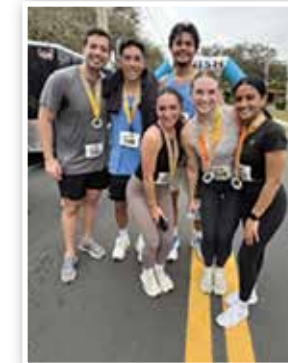


Emily Thach, OMS & Marissa McPhail, OMS meet with the AOA President at the OMED conference in Orlando in October!

directors. In addition, our students hosted the annual Clewiston Health Fair in partnership with the Hendry Regional Medical Center where they were able to provide multiple services to the medically underserved population including screening opportunities for diabetes and elevated blood pressure, education on eye health, and nutrition counseling.

## LECOM-BRADENTON STUDENT DISTRICT SOCIETY

Each year, LECOM's campus in Bradenton, Florida gets the community together for a celebration of health and fitness by hosting a 5K run/walk on the beautiful downtown Bradenton Riverwalk. All proceeds from this event benefit the LECOM Student Scholarship Fund, helping to offset the educational costs of our future healthcare providers from LECOM.



Thank you to every student, faculty, staff, community member and donor that helped make this event possible. Because of the wonderful hard work put into this event many student will have the opportunity to continue their medical education with less financial burdens.

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				Lili Lustig, DO

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	Bushra Ferdous, DO	Melbourne

### 2nd YEAR PRACTICE – 9

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### MILITARY / PUBLIC HEALTH – 11

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 Ben Cooper, DO Long Beach, NY

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

District 7 Arthur T. Magrann, III, DO Siesta Key, FL  
 Dr. Magrann has requested Life Membership in the FOMA. He is 77 years old and has been practicing osteopathic medicine for 43 years. He has been an Active member of the FOMA for 14 years. Dr. Magrann meets all three requirements for Life Membership in the FOMA. Membership Committee Chair, and Membership Committee, RECOMMEND Life membership.

**IN MEMORIAM**

District 5 Charles Friedman, DO (NSU-KPCOM-1986) Seminole  
 District 11 Eugene Usberghi, DO (DMU-COM-1976) Ft. Myers

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“All the Best!” Michael Markou, Iliana & Family

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 James Swartz, DO  
 Dr. & Mrs. Richard Thacker & Family  
 Dr. & Mrs. Brett Thomas  
 David Thomas, MD  
 James Voirin, DO  
 Dr. Greg Williams & Family  
 Jason Winn, Esq. & Family  
 Stephen & Judy Winn (2)

**IN MEMORY & HONORING LEAVES**

Andrew Jackson, LLC – In Memory of Morton Terry, DO  
 Andrew Jackson, LLC – Honoring the Memory of Robert S. Hand, DO, FOMA President 1987-88  
 Nicole Bixler, DO – In Memory of Rob Heath, Father of Nicole Bixler, DO, FOMA President 2016-17  
 Robin Dybas – In Honor of & with much Love to Our Parents, Grandparents & Best Friends: Minnette & Alan Kaye  
 FOMA District 2 – In Honor & Memory of Lionel Gatien, DO, Physician, Leader, Mentor  
 FOMA District 10 – Honoring Kenneth E. Webster, EdD: Over 30 years of Leadership & Dedication to the osteopathic profession & Hillsborough County Osteopathic Medical Society  
 FOMA Physicians & Friends – In Memory of Kelsey Brooke Tatum, DO, Honorary LECOM Bradenton, 2021  
 FOMA Physicians & Friends – In Memory of David Levine, DO (6/16/44 – 7/21/2007) FOMA President 1997-98  
 FOMA Physicians & Friends – In Honor & Memory of Howard L. Neer, DO, FOMA President 1976 – 77 & AOA President 1988 – 89: A Pioneer, Educator, Mentor and Friend  
 FOMA Physicians & Friends – In Honor & Memory of Marcelino Oliva, DO, Legislative Chairman, FOMA President 1974 – 75 & AOA President 1988 - 89  
 FOMA Family – In Honor of Marcelino Oliva, DO, FOMA President 1974 – 75, Lora Lee Oliva & Family  
 Don Jablonski, DO – To My FOMA Family, in Honor of Catherine Jablonski and Don Jablonski, DO, FOMA President 1995-96  
 Dr. & Mrs. Gregory James – In Honor of David Kudelko, DO, graduate of KCOM  
 Dr.'s Kenneth & Michelle Johnson & Family: Thank you FOMA for all that you DO - Simply the Very Best!  
 James McCormick, DO – In Loving Memory of Patricia McCormick  
 In Loving Memory of Morton Morris, DO, JD, FOMA President 1978 – 79, and Marie G. Morris  
 Fred Porcase, DO – In Honor of our Brother, Friend, Father & Husband: John Anthony Fetchero, DO (6/4/51 – 1/19/2015)  
 Melvyn Rech, DO – In Memory of Hamilton & Eric Rech & Morton Morris, DO, JD, FACOS, FAOAO  
 Dr. & Mrs. William Silverman: In Honor of our Children - 2022  
 Dr. Mrs. Joel Stein – In Honor and Loving Memory of Dr. Leon & Shirley Stein  
 Dr. & Mrs. Brett Thomas: Keep Osteopathic Medicine Pure  
 James Towry, DO & Family – In Honor of Paul E. Wilson, DO, FOMA President 1954- 55 & AOA President 1974 – 75  
 Doug, Nancy and Zach Treadway – In Loving Memory of Tanner Douglas Treadway (1994 – 2014)  
 West Palm Hospital Medical Staff – In Memory of Martin J. Frisovsky, DO, for his Service, Leadership, Wisdom and Friendship  
 Stephen & Judy Winn and Family – In Loving Honor of Senator Sherman & Roslyn Winn  
 Winn Families & William Hightower – In Loving Memory of Christopher Marc Burns (5/16/90 – 3/19/2016)

# EVENT CALENDAR

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**2024 FSACOFP/FOMA VIRTUAL CONVENTION  
& FAMILY PRACTICE UPDATE**  
July 26–27, 2024

**2024 FOMA VIRTUAL SEMINAR**  
September 6–8, 2024

**2025 FOMA LIVE CONVENTION**  
February 21–23, 2025  
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress/Orlando, FL

**2025 FOMA VIRTUAL CONVENTION**  
March 28–30, 2025

