



Awards Program

The American College of Emergency Physicians Awards Program has been developed for one reason: *to recognize leadership and excellence.*

The program provides an opportunity to recognize all members for significant professional contributions as well as service to the College.

All members of ACEP are eligible to participate in one or more of the College's award programs.

The ACEP Awards Program is yours. It succeeds only when you take an active role. The method of entry has been made as easy as possible.

Award recipients will be informed by June 1, 2026, and will be honored during the College's annual meeting, in Chicago, IL. In addition, ACEP will publicize the award recipients in official ACEP communications and will recognize them at various venues during *ACEP26*.

Please examine the Awards Program information carefully and use the convenient electronic entry form for applications and nominations. All entries must be submitted by **March 16, 2026**, to be considered by the Awards Committee. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by e-mail. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen Fletcher, CPC, CEDC, CAE at mfletcher@acep.org or at (800) 798-1822, extension 3145.

JOHN G. WIEGENSTEIN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Purpose

The John G. Wiegenstein Leadership Award is presented to a current or past national ACEP leader – member of the Board of Directors or officer of the Council – for outstanding contributions to the College. The award is named after John G. Wiegenstein, MD, a founding member and the first president of ACEP. Dr. Wiegenstein represents the epitome of leadership, both personal and professional. He served for five years as the College's first delegate to the American Medical Association and he also served as president of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Award

The Wiegenstein Award is a walnut plaque featuring an etched portrait of the recipient. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. By virtue of receiving this award, the recipient is not required to pay dues or registration fees for the annual meeting.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a past or current member of the Board of Directors or officer of the Council for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

Criteria

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to ACEP by significantly helping to achieve one or more of the College's purposes and objectives. The nominee should serve as a role model for College members, and his/her personal leadership attributes should include, but are not limited to: inspiration, innovation, diplomacy, planning, organization, management and administration, arbitration, consensus building, and decision making.

Recipients of this award are ineligible to receive awards in other categories of the Awards Program.

Past Recipients

1975	John Wiegenstein	1992	Robert Anzinger	2011	Frederick C. Blum
1976	James Mills, Jr.	1994	Michael Bresler	2012	Michael L. Carius
1977	R.R. Hannas, Jr.	1995	Robert Williams	2013	Mark L. DeBard
1978	Harris Graves	1996	John B. McCabe	2014	J. Brian Hancock
1979	Ronald Krome	1998	Gregory L. Henry	2015	Angela F. Gardner
1980	George Podgorny	1999	Larry A. Bedard	2016	Linda L. Lawrence
1981	Karl Mangold	2000	Dennis Whitehead	2017	Brian F. Keaton
1982	William Haeck	2001	Nancy J. Auer	2018	Nicholas J. Jouriles
1983	Ben Moore	2002	Michael D. Bishop	2019	Sandra M. Schneider
1983	John Rupke	2003	John C. Moorhead	2020	David C. Seaberg
1984	B. Ken Gray	2004	Robert W. Schafermeyer	2021	Julius (Jay) A. Kaplan
1985	Leonard Riggs, Jr.	2005	Michael T. Rapp	2022	Rebecca B. Parker
1986	John McDade	2006	Richard L. Stennes	2023	Paul D. Kivela
1987	H. Arnold Muller	2007	Arthur L. Kellermann	2024	Debra G. Perina
1988	Brooks Bock	2008	George W. Molzen		
1989	Bruce Janiak	2009	Robert E. Suter		
1991	Jacek Franaszek	2010	E. Jackson Allison, Jr.		

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

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Judging

The Awards Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit.

JAMES D. MILLS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD

Purpose

The James D. Mills Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Medicine Award is presented to a regular member for significant contributions to emergency medicine. This award is named after the late James D. Mills, Jr., MD, the second president of the College. Dr. Mills practiced emergency medicine in Alexandria, Virginia, for many years, and is commonly referred to as a designer of the “Alexandria Plan” for staffing emergency facilities with full-time practitioners of emergency medicine.

Award

The Mills Award is a walnut plaque featuring an etched portrait of the recipient. The recipient’s name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. By virtue of receiving this award, the recipient is not required to pay dues or registration fees for the annual meeting.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

Criteria

The nominee should have made a significant contribution to emergency medicine through a variety of avenues, including College committee service. Examples of significant contributions to the specialty include but are not limited to: improved patient care delivery modes, cost containment, quality of care improvements, disaster planning, improved EMS organization, and public education. **Recipients of this award are ineligible to receive awards in other categories of the Awards Program.**

Past Recipients

1978	Reinald Leidelmeyer	1993	Don B. Cohen	2010	Charles F. Pattavina
1979	Mark Lindsey	1994	John Lumpkin	2011	John Skiendzielewski
1980	Astor Jenkins	1994	Michael Trainor	2012	C. James Holliman
1981	Judith Tintinalli	1995	Ellen Taliaferro	2013	Diana L. Fite
1982	Carl Jelenko, III	1996	Gail Anderson, Sr.	2014	David P. Sklar
1982	John Rogers	1997	Dighton Packard	2015	Robert W. Strauss
1983	David Wagner	1998	Kenneth DeHart	2016	Lewis R. Goldfrank
1984	Peter Rosen	1999	Charlotte Yeh	2017	Wesley A. Curry
1985	C.C. Roussi	2000	Michael Weinstock	2018	Thom A. Mayer
1985	John van de Leuv	2001	Douglas Hill	2019	Ramon W. Johnson
1986	Ronald Stewart	2002	Joseph F. Waeckerle	2020	John J. Rogers
1987	Ronald Krome	2003	James Hayes	2021	James J. Augustine
1988	Harold Jayne	2004	Roger Barkin	2022	Richard C. Hunt
1988	George Podgorny	2005	Louise B. Andrew	2023	Andy S. Jagoda
1989	Joseph McKean	2006	Toni A. Mitchell	2024	Earl J. Residorff
1990	Michael Bishop	2007	Peter L. Sawchuk	2025	Marilyn J. Heine
1991	Richard Stennes	2008	Richard F. Edlich		
1992	Ronald Hellstern	2009	Bruce S. Auerbach		

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Judging

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JOHN A. RUPKE LEGACY AWARD

Purpose

The John A. Rupke Legacy Award is presented to a current College member for outstanding lifetime contributions to the College. In recognition of longevity and unwavering dedication to the College, the Legacy Award is given in honor of John A. Rupke, MD, one of the initial founding members of the College.

Award

The Rupke Award is a handblown glass sculpture featuring the ACEP logo and name of the recipient. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. By virtue of receiving this award, the recipient is not required to pay dues or registration fees for the annual meeting.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

Criteria

The nominee must have been a member of the College for more than 25 years, and during that time have served the College as an active leader making sustained contributions either in the local, state or national emergency medicine communities as a consensus builder, with humanitarianism, and as an advocate for the profession. The member must have also demonstrated exceptional commitment of time and dedication to emergency medicine and to improving the care of emergency patients. This devotion and persistence over such a span of time exemplifies the true spirit of what has shaped our specialty and infused it with enthusiasm and unstoppable drive. Recipients of this award are bestowed our appreciation and gratitude for their contribution in furthering our goal as a College to serve our members and the patients for whom they provide care. **Previous recipients of the Wiegenstein or Mills awards are not eligible to receive this award.**

Past Recipients

2010	Pamela P. Bensen	2019	Juan A. Gonzalez-Sanchez
2011	Sanford H. Herman	2020	Peter Fahrney
2012	Lawrence M. Lewis	2021	Jeffrey D. Bettinger
2013	Paul A. Pomeroy	2022	Louis J. Ling
2014	Arlo F. Weltge	2023	J. Mark Meredith
2015	Stephen V. Cantrill	2024	DW "Chip" Pettigrew
2016	Kathleen Cowling	2025	Stephen H. Anderson
2017	A. Compton Broders		
2018	David E. Wilcox		

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

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Judging

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PAMELA P. BENSEN TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Purpose

The Pamela P. Bensen Trailblazer Award is presented to a current College member for seminal contributions over time to the growth of the College and to the specialty of emergency medicine. The award is named after Pamela P. Bensen, MD, a charter member of ACEP and the first woman resident in emergency medicine (1971). She was also the first woman elected to the national ACEP Board of Directors and served from 1982-88. Dr. Bensen pioneered innovations in ACEP's governance, developed the first emergency medicine group and the first paramedic training program in Maine, and was an early adopter of data analysis to improve clinical care in the emergency department (1980s).

Award

The Bensen Award is a walnut plaque featuring an etched portrait of the recipient. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. By virtue of receiving this award, the recipient is not required to pay dues or registration fees for the annual meeting.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College for 10 or more years.

Criteria

The nominee should have made and achieved a number of seminal contributions and accomplishments to the growth of the American College of Emergency Physicians and to the specialty of Emergency Medicine through a variety of avenues, including but not limited to: clinical, organizational, administrative, educational, governmental, political, prehospital and other venues. These contributions and accomplishments should demonstrate foresight and leading-edge thinking, at times requiring courage to prevail over customary attitudes and methods, resulting in solid achievements. The nominee should have demonstrated these attributes repeatedly over a period of years. **Previous recipients of the Wiegenstein, Mills, or Rupke Awards are not eligible to receive this award. Recipients of this award are ineligible to receive awards in other categories of the Awards Program.**

Past Recipients

2019	Andrew I. Bern
2020	Sharon E. Mace
2021	Rita A. Manfredi-Shutler
2022	Michael L. Callahan
2023	Amish M. Shah
2024	Arjun K. Venkatesh
2025	John H. McMaster

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

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Judging

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Purpose

The Honorary Membership Award is presented to an individual who has rendered outstanding service to the College or to the specialty of emergency medicine.

Award

The Honorary Membership Award is a framed certificate. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters. The recipient is considered a lifelong member of the College, is not required to pay any dues, and cannot vote or hold office but receives all other benefits and privileges of membership.

Eligibility

Any member of the College, or any component body, may nominate persons of distinction who have rendered outstanding service to the College or to the specialty of emergency medicine. **Candidates for honorary membership cannot be currently eligible for other categories of College membership.** National ACEP staff are eligible for nomination only after leaving employment from ACEP. Chapter executives are eligible for nomination only after leaving employment from the chapter.

Criteria

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to ACEP by significantly helping to achieve one or more of the College's purposes and objectives. The nominee should serve as a role model for College members, and his/her personal attributes should include, but are not limited to: inspiration, innovation, diplomacy, planning, organization, management and administration, arbitration, consensus building, and decision making.

Past Recipients

1969	Richard D. Mudd	2005	Iris Wiegenstein	2016	Barbara Burgess
1979	Peter Safar	2006	David Blunk	2017	Patty Stowe
1981	Edward Abson	2006	Gwen Messler-Harry	2017	Laura L. Tiberi
1981	David Caro	2006	Elaine Jastram	2017	Gordon Wheeler
1981	John Collins	2007	David Zabel	2018	Marjorie Geist
1983	Cyril T. M. Cameron	2008	Beverly Lynch	2018	Barbara M. Tomar
1983	William H. Rutherford	2008	Joy Zimmer	2019	Lowell Gerson
1984	Carl Jelenko, III	2009	James E. Coles	2019	Laura Gore
1984	Bill B. Smiley	2009	Ernest E. Moore, Jr.	2020	Pat Hughes
1985	David Wilson	2010	Janet Goldberg	2020	Jane Scott
1988	Kathryn M. Dykgraaf	2010	Diane K. Bollman	2020	Dean Wilkerson
1990	David Williams	2011	Art Auer	2021	Sally Winkelman
1991	Benson S. Munger	2011	Leah Heimbach	2022	Brad Gruehn
1992	John H. Harris	2012	Bernadette Carr	2022	Margaret Montgomery
1993	Maj Gen Norman Kirby	2012	Edward R. Gaines, III	2022	John "Jack" Rozel
1997	Sandra L. Riggins	2012	E. Nicholas Kestner, III	2022	William Todd Thomas
1998	Colin C. Rorrie, Jr.	2013	Caral Edelberg	2023	Harry Monroe
2002	Michael E. Gallery	2014	Phyllis L. Edans	2024	David A. McKenzie
2002	Barbara Wallace Trainor	2015	W. Calvin Chaney	2024	Rick Murray
2003	John Moskop	2015	Marilyn Bromley	2024	James H. Slaughter
2004	Arthur Cooper	2015	Virginia Kennedy Palys	2025	Janis Farnholtz Provinse
2005	Mary Ann Reinhart	2016	Beth P. Brunner		

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

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Judging

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JUDITH E. TINTINALLI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN EDUCATION

Purpose

The Judith E. Tintinalli Award for Outstanding Contribution in Education is presented to an ACEP member who has made a significant contribution to the educational aspects of the specialty.

Award

The Education Award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo on a crystal award. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

Criteria

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to academic emergency medicine. Examples might include: advancement of emergency medicine through educational activities, truly outstanding teacher who has made a major educational impact on the specialty, development of teaching tools (books, other publications, audiovisuals, teaching approaches), outstanding role in emergency medicine resident education, and dedicated commitment to and action toward high-quality emergency medicine education.

Past Recipients

1989	Robert Dailey	2001	Donald Yealy	2013	Jeffrey Tabas
1990	Judith Tintinalli	2002	Richard M. Cantor	2014	William K. Mallon
1991	Ernest Ruiz	2003	Diane Birnbaumer	2015	Mel Herbert
1992	Douglas Rund	2004	Marianne Gausche-Hill	2016	James R. Roberts
1993	W. Richard Bukata	2005	Glenn C. Hamilton	2017	Francis L. Counselman
1993	John Moorhead	2006	Gloria J. Kuhn	2018	Corey M. Slovis
1994	Peter Rosen	2007	Ron M. Walls	2019	William Ken Milne
1995	Robert Hockberger	2008	Earl Reisdorff	2020	Tracy G. Sanson
1996	Jerome Hoffman	2008	Brian Zink	2021	Michael S. Beeson
1997	Vincent Marcovchick	2009	Mary Jo Wagner	2021	Michael A. Granovsky
1998	Allan Wolfson	2010	Alfred D. Sacchetti	2022	Peter DeBlieux
1999	Paul Auerbach	2011	Cherri Hobgood	2023	Stuart P. Swadron
1999	Robert Strauss, Jr.	2012	David S. Howes	2024	Susan B. Promes
2000	John A. Marx	2013	Amal Mattu	2025	Scott D. Weingart

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

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Judging

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AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN RESEARCH

Purpose

The Award for Outstanding Contribution in Research is presented to an ACEP member who has made a significant contribution to research in emergency medicine.

Award

The Research Award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo on a crystal award. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

Criteria

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to research in emergency medicine as demonstrated in accomplishments. Examples might include: outstanding research, research innovation, published original research, or a major and lasting research contribution.

Past Recipients

1986	James Niemann	2003	Arthur Sanders	2016	Carlos A. Camargo, Jr.
1987	Richard Nowak	2004	William Barsan	2017	Edward C. Jauch
1988	Blaine White	2005	Emanuel P. Rivers	2018	Lynne D. Richardson
1990	Charles Brown	2006	Jeffrey A. Kline	2019	Rebecca M. Cunningham
1992	William Spivey	2006	Adam J. Singer	2019	Gail D'Onofrio
1993	Gabor Kelen	2007	Robert W. Neumar	2020	Alan Jones
1994	Gary Krause	2008	Tom Aufderheide	2021	Ahamed Idris
1995	W. Brian Gibler	2009	Donald M. Yealy	2022	Deborah Diercks
1996	Norman Abramson	2010	Roger J. Lewis	2022	Kevin Ward
1997	Michelle Biros	2011	Nathan Kuppermann	2023	Lewis S. Nelson
1998	Charles Emerman	2012	Ian G. Stiell	2024	Robert M. Rodriguez
1999	Charles Pollack, Jr.	2013	Brian J. O'Neil	2025	Joseph P. Ornato
2000	Charles Cairns	2014	Lance B. Becker		
2001	Judd Hollander	2015	Clifton W. Callaway		
2002	Edward A. Panacek	2015	Daniel W. Spaite		

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

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Judging

The Research Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit.

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION IN EMS

Purpose

The Award for Outstanding Contribution in EMS is presented to an ACEP member who has made an outstanding contribution in EMS of national significance or application.

Award

The EMS Award features a star of life insignia with antique bronze casting. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility and Criteria

Any member of the College may nominate a member that has made an outstanding contribution in the area of EMS of national significance and/or an outstanding contribution to the development, promotion, maturation or education of EMS on a state or national level with related national significance or application. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

Past Recipients

1989	John Campbell	2008	Drew Dawson
1990	William Roush	2009	John W. (Bill) Jermyn
1991	Paul Paris	2010	Marvin A. Wayne
1992	Steven Davidson	2011	Debra G. Perina
1993	Peter Pons	2012	Raymond L. Fowler
1994	Stanley Zydlo, Jr.	2013	Daniel G. Hankins
1995	John C. Johnson	2014	Marianne Gausche-Hill
1996	Richard Slevinski	2015	James V. Dunford, Jr.
1997	Daniel Storer	2016	Juliette M. Saussy
1998	Jon Krohmer	2017	Salvatore Silvestri
1999	Robert Swor	2018	David E. Persse
2000	Richard Hunt	2019	Robert E. O'Connor
2001	Marilyn Gifford	2020	James Atkins
2002	Ricardo Martinez	2021	Craig A. Manifold
2003	Mark Henry	2022	Ronald N. Roth
2004	James Page	2023	J. Brent Myers
2005	Paul E. Pepe	2024	Sabina A. Braithwaite
2006	John C. Sacra	2025	Robert Domeier
2007	Robert R. Bass		

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

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Judging

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COLIN C. RORRIE, JR., PHD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH POLICY

Purpose

The Colin C. Rorrie, Jr, PhD Award for Excellence in Health Policy is presented to a member who has made a significant contribution to achieving the health policy objectives of the College and/or who has demonstrated outstanding skills, talent, and commitment as an administrative or political leader. Dr. Rorrie served the College as Executive Director from 1982 to 2003 and was instrumental in encouraging and guiding the Board of Directors to develop and implement a strategic planning process with focused priority objectives. Additionally, he was instrumental in the development of ACEP's Washington office and in elevating the stature of emergency medicine's advocacy efforts. He understood the importance of ACEP's participation in a public policy agenda as it applies to emergency medicine and healthcare.

Award

The Rorrie Award is a cherry plaque with a gold back plate, black center plate, and a gold brass top plate etched with the ACEP logo and the recipient's name. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a member who has rendered outstanding service to the College or to the medical profession. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

Criteria

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to medical health policy or administration by: significantly helping to advance a health policy agenda supportive to medicine and medical care; or development or unceasing support of legislation and/or regulations that enhance access to emergency medicine in particular and healthcare in general; or exemplary performance as a physician administrator in medicine and health care; or making outstanding contributions to organized medicine.

Past Recipients

2004	Colin C. Rorrie, Jr.	2017	Nathaniel R. Schlicher
2005	Peter Viccellio	2018	L. Anthony Cirillo
2006	David M. Siegel	2019	Peter J. Jacoby
2007	Robert W. Kottman	2020	Steven J. Stack
2008	Dennis M. Beck	2021	Susan M. Nedza
2009	John R. Lumpkin	2022	Jennifer L. Wiler
2010	R. Myles Riner	2023	Jesse Pines
2011	Daniel J. Sullivan	2024	Brendan G. Carr
2012	Todd B. Taylor	2025	Bing S. Pao
2013	Wesley Fields		
2014	Lynne D. Richardson		
2015	James C. Mitchiner		
2016	Marilyn J. Heine		

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POLICY PIONEER AWARD

Purpose

The Policy Pioneer Award recognizes early and mid-career ACEP members who have made outstanding contributions to the College's health policy and advocacy initiatives.

Award

The Policy Pioneer Award is a plaque featuring the recipient's name and the ACEP logo. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College within the first 10 years of practice following residency or fellowship.

Criteria

The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution early in their career to medical health policy or administration by: significantly helping to advance a health policy agenda supportive to medicine and medical care; or development or unceasing support of legislation and/or regulations that enhance access to emergency medicine in particular and healthcare in general; or exemplary performance as a physician administrator in medicine and health care; or making outstanding contributions to organized medicine. **Previous recipients of the Colin C. Rorrie Jr., PhD Award for Excellence in Health Policy are not eligible to receive this award.**

Past Recipients

2018	Anne Zink
2019	Megan Ranney
2020	Amy Cho
2021	Jordan GR Celeste
2022	Zachary J. Jarou
2023	Cameron J. Gettel
2024	Michelle P. Lin
2025	Taylor S. Nichols

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COUNCIL MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Purpose

The Council Meritorious Service Award is presented to a member of the College who has served as a councillor or alternate councillor and has made consistent contributions to the growth and maturation of the ACEP Council. The ACEP Council is the forum in which chapter and section of membership representatives both elect and provide guidance to the Board of Directors.

Award

The Council Meritorious Service Award is a walnut plaque featuring the Council logo. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a past or current councillor or alternate councillor for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College.

Criteria

The nominee's contributions to the Council should include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: Steering Committee membership; reference committee participation; participation on other Council committees; resolution development and debate; longevity as a councillor; or service as a Council officer.

Past Recipients

1986	Jack Page	1999	David Overton	2011	Marilyn J. Heine
1987	Ronald Crowell	2000	Stephen Groth	2012	James D. Thompson
1988	Peter Fahrney	2000	John Lumpkin	2013	Robert M. Roth
1989	Pamela Bensen	2001	Michael Hill	2014	Catherine A. Marco
1990	John Rupke	2001	Mark Lindsey	2015	Andrew I. Bern
1991	Tina Blair	2002	Louise Andrew	2016	Marco Coppola
1992	Stephen Cantrill	2002	Nicholas Jouriles	2017	Kelly Gray-Eurom
1992	Edward Draper	2003	Marsha Ford	2018	James C. Mitchiner
1992	Paul Pomeroy	2004	Arlo Weltge	2019	John H. Proctor
1993	Marvin Leibovich	2005	Peter J. Jacoby	2020	Michael McCrea
1994	Peter Sawchuk	2005	Robert C. Solomon	2021	Sanford H. Herman
1995	James Antinori	2006	Mark L. DeBard	2022	James B. Aikens
1996	Ronald Krome	2007	Diana L. Fite	2023	Gary R. Katz
1997	Michael Bresler	2008	Charles Henrichs	2024	Thomas J. Sugarman
1998	Dennis Whitehead	2009	Robert T. Malinowski	2025	Thom R. Mitchell
1999	Brian Keaton	2010	David E. Wilcox		

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

Any member of the College may nominate a member by submitting a completed nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to 3 letters of support through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination whether from an individual or a component body. All entries must be submitted no later than **March 16, 2026**, for consideration by the Awards Committee. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by e-mail. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Council Awards Committee, consisting of current and past councillors appointed by the Speaker, will judge the entries. The decision of the judges is final, and the judges reserve the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit.

DIANE K. BOLLMAN CHAPTER ADVOCATE AWARD

Purpose

The Diane K. Bollman Chapter Advocate Award is presented to a current or recent (within the past 12 months) ACEP chapter executive or chapter staff member who has made a significant contribution to advancing emergency care and the objectives of an ACEP chapter and the College. The award is named after Diane K. Bollman, who served as the executive director of the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians for 25 years and was an honorary member of ACEP. She represents the archetype of chapter executive advocacy and leadership, personally and professionally.

Award

The award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of a chapter's Board of Directors may nominate a current or recent chapter executive director or chapter staff member for this award. The nominee must have been active in the chapter in the last 12 months prior to the award nomination and served for a minimum of three years.

Criteria

The National/Chapter Relations Committee will evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. The nominee should have made an outstanding contribution to advancing emergency care and the objectives of an ACEP chapter and the College within the past 12 months and have served the chapter and the College for a minimum of three years. The nominee should serve as a role model for chapter staff and members and whose leadership attributes should include, but are not limited to: commitment, professionalism, advocacy, service, camaraderie, and devotion. **Previous recipients of the Honorary Membership Award are not eligible to receive this award and recipients of this award are not eligible for subsequent nomination.**

Past Recipients

2019	Elena Lopez-Gusman
2020	Robert Ramsey, CAE
2021	Stephanie Butler
2022	Sue Barnhart
2022	Colleen Kochanek
2023	Shari Augustin
2024	Tara Morrison, CAE
2025	Jan Reisinger, MBA, CAE

Entry Procedures

Any member of a chapter's Board of Directors may nominate a candidate by completing a nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination. All entries must be submitted for consideration no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Awards Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one individual.

DISASTER MEDICAL SCIENCES AWARD

Purpose

The Disaster Medical Sciences Award recognizes ACEP members who have made outstanding contributions of national/international significance or impact to the field of disaster medicine.

Award

The award features a crystalline sphere held up by two hands. The recipient's name will be inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate a member that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of disaster medicine of national or international significance. This includes outstanding contributions to the development, promotion, maturation, education, or humanitarian mission of disaster medicine on a state, national, or international level. The award may be given posthumously.

Criteria

The Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee will evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. Activities that are appropriate for evaluating nominees include but are not limited to:

- Research and publications
- Service to organizations that support disaster medicine
- Humanitarian activities, including providing medical care in disasters
- Leadership activities
- Teaching
- Advocacy/legislative efforts

Nominees need not demonstrate achievements in all categories to be selected.

Past Recipients

2013	Thomas D. Kirsch	2019	Richard C. Hunt
2014	Joseph F. Waeckerle	2020	Irving "Jake" Jacoby
2014	Frederick "Skip" Burkle, Jr	2021	Joseph A. Barbera
2015	Carl H. Schultz	2022	Roy L. Alson
2016	Andrew I. Bern	2023	Marc S. Rosenthal
2017	Kristi Koenig	2024	Eric Goralnick
2018	Gregory R. Ciottone	2025	John L. Hick

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

Any member who wishes to nominate a candidate should complete a nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination from an individual, chapter, section, or committee. All entries must be submitted for consideration no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one individual.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MEDICINE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Purpose

The Community Emergency Medicine Excellence Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution in advancing emergency care and/or health care within the community in which they practice.

Award

The Community Emergency Medicine Excellence Award is presented to the individual recipient and the recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College may nominate himself/herself or another ACEP member that has made an outstanding contribution in advancing emergency care and/or health care within the community they serve such as:

- Significantly helped to advance health care within their community.
- Developed or provided unceasing support of a community effort that enhances access to emergency medicine and/or health care within the community.
- Exemplary performance as a clinical physician in emergency medicine and health care.
- Examples of significant contributions to the specialty and community may include, but are not limited to, community outreach, public health initiatives, or exemplary bedside clinical care.

Nominees must be an ACEP member for a minimum of five years and not received a national ACEP award previously. Nominations can be submitted by chapters, sections, and committees as well as individuals. Up to three letters of support can be submitted per nomination. Chapters or sections representing members who may be under-represented in ACEP awards shall be encouraged to submit nominations.

Criteria

The Emergency Medicine Practice Committee will evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. Activities that are appropriate for evaluating nominees include but are not limited to:

- Advancing health care within their community.
- Support of a community effort that enhances access to emergency medicine and/or health care.
- Exemplary performance as a clinical physician in emergency medicine and health care.
- Substantially contributed to community outreach program.
- Public health initiative development or support.

Past Recipients

2018	Andrew Southard	2021	Michael McGee	2024	Amy Davis
2019	Sergio Hernandez	2022	Kamara Graham	2025	Derrick Oaxaca
2020	Adnan Hussain	2023	Reb JH Close		

Entry Procedures

Any ACEP member who wishes to nominate a candidate should complete a nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination whether from an individual or from a chapter, section, or committee. All entries must be submitted for consideration no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Emergency Medicine Practice Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one individual.

INNOVATIVE CHANGE IN PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AWARD

Purpose

The Innovative Change in Practice Management Award recognizes an emergency physician who has developed an innovative process, solution, technology, or product to solve a significant problem in the practice of emergency medicine.

Award

The Innovative Change in Practice Management Award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College, or any chapter, section, or committee may nominate a member for this award. Nominees must be an ACEP member.

Criteria

The nominee must have developed an innovation that has improved the practice of emergency medicine by its implementation. The innovation must improve the efficiency, patient safety, and/or quality of care in the emergency department, be easily transferrable to other emergency department settings, and sustainable over the long term.

Past Recipients

2019	Edward Barthell
2020	Rahul Sharma
2021	Matthew Rill
2022	Jonathan Rogg
2023	Christopher R. Peabody
2024	William Francis
2025	Benjamin Bassin

Entry Procedures

Any ACEP member who wishes to nominate a candidate should complete a nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination whether from an individual or from a chapter, section, or committee. All entries must be submitted for consideration no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Emergency Medicine Practice Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one individual.

LOU GRAFF AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBSERVATION MEDICINE

Purpose

The Lou Graff Award for Excellence in Observation Medicine Award recognizes emergency physicians who have made a significant contribution to the field of observation medicine within emergency medicine.

Award

The award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College, or any chapter, section, or committee may nominate a member for this award that has made a significant contribution to observation medicine. Nominees must be an ACEP member for at least five years.

Criteria

The Observation Medicine Section will evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. Nominees should have made an outstanding contribution in at least one of these areas:

- Demonstrates a commitment to the education of health care professionals in observation medicine.
- Contributes substantive thought leadership to the field of observation medicine, through a variety of methods including, but not limited to: peer-reviewed publications, leadership in national societies, invited lectures, presentations at national meetings, textbook chapters, advocacy through government agencies, etc.
- Offers support selflessly to others as a resource, reference, and subject matter expert in observation medicine.
- Mentors future leaders in observation medicine by identifying, recruiting, and supporting rising observation medicine stars.

Past Recipients

2023 Michael A. Ross
2024 Sharon Mace
2025 Christopher Baugh

Entry Procedures

Any ACEP member who wishes to nominate a candidate should complete a nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination whether from an individual or from a chapter, section, or committee. All entries must be submitted for consideration no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Observation Medicine Section will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one individual.

LEON L. HALEY, JR. AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACCESS, BELONGING, & COMMUNITY

Purpose

The Leon L. Haley, Jr. Award for Excellence in Access, Belonging, & Community recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to ensure equal opportunity to practice emergency medicine and equal access to health care for all.

Award

The award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo. The recipient's name will be inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College, or any chapter, section, or committee may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College who has made an outstanding contribution in advancing equal opportunity to practice emergency medicine and equal access to health care for all by:

- Significantly helped to advance quality care and opportunities for equal access, belonging, and community locally, statewide, or nationally.
- Developed or supported a program that addresses equal access to quality care, belonging, and community within the context of emergency medicine or primary or secondary health care within the community.
- Has performed community outreach regarding equal access to quality care, belonging, and community programs, rigorous evaluation, and/or dissemination of effective initiatives or established programs.

Criteria

The Access, Belonging, & Community Committee will evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. Activities that are appropriate for evaluating nominees include but are not limited to:

- Advancing equal opportunity to practice emergency medicine and equal access to health care, belonging, and community initiatives locally.
- Support of a community effort that enhances access to emergency medicine and/or health care for historically marginalized communities and seeks to eliminate health disparities.
- Contribution to equal opportunity to practice emergency medicine and equal access to health care, belonging, and community in emergency medicine through research and publications.
- Service to organizations that support addressing equal opportunity to practice emergency medicine and equal access to health care, belonging, and community in emergency medicine.
- Teaching and/or leadership activities supporting equal opportunity to practice emergency medicine and equal access to health care, belonging, and community in emergency medicine.
- Advocacy/legislative efforts for serving the most vulnerable and promoting equal opportunity to practice emergency medicine and equal access to health care, belonging, and community in emergency medicine.

Past Recipients

2023 Omar Guzman, MD, FACEP
2024 Ugo Ezenkwele, MD, FACEP
2025 Lynne D. Richardson, MD, FACEP

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

Any member who wishes to nominate a candidate should complete a nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support to through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination from an individual, chapter, section, or committee. All entries must be submitted for consideration no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Access, Belonging, & Community Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one individual.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Purpose

The Public Health Trailblazer Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution in advancing public health care and injury prevention measures locally, statewide, or nationally.

Award

The award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo. The recipient's name is inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College, or any chapter, section, or committee may nominate a member for this award. Nominees must be an ACEP member for at least five years and not received a national ACEP award in the past five years or a Public Health Trailblazer Award previously.

Criteria

The Public Health Committee will evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. Nominees should have made an outstanding contribution in at least one of these areas:

- Significantly helped to advance the science and/or implementation of public health and injury prevention measures within their community, statewide or nationally.
- Developed or supported a sustainable program that addresses public health and injury prevention within the context of emergency medicine, primary or secondary health care within the community.
- Examples of significant contributions to the specialty and community may include but are not limited to sustainable community outreach regarding public health initiatives or injury prevention programs, rigorous evaluation and/or dissemination of effective initiatives or established programs.

Past Recipients

2022	Harrison Alter
2023	Debra E. Houry
2024	Richard Rothman
2025	Jennifer Avegno

Entry Procedures

Any ACEP member, chapter, section, or committee who wishes to nominate a candidate should complete a nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination whether from an individual or from a chapter, section, or committee. All entries must be submitted for consideration no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Public Health Committee will judge the entries, with its recommendation subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one individual.

INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & ADDICTION MEDICINE AWARD

Purpose

The Innovation & Excellence in Behavioral Health & Addiction Medicine Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution in advancing the emergency department care of patients with behavioral health and substance use disorder.

Award

The award features the recipient's name and the ACEP logo. The recipient's name will be inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College, or any chapter, section, or committee may nominate a member for this award. The nominee must be a regular member of the College who has made an outstanding contribution in advancing the care of patients with behavioral health issues or substance use disorder such as:

- Significantly helped to advance the science and/or implementation of behavioral health or substance use disorder measures within their community, statewide, or nationally.
- Developed or supported a sustainable program that addresses behavioral health or substance use disorder within the context of emergency medicine or primary or secondary health care within the community.
- Has performed sustainable community outreach regarding behavioral health initiatives or substance use disorder programs, rigorous evaluation, and/or dissemination of effective initiatives or established programs.

Criteria

The Pain Management & Addiction Medicine Section will evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. Activities that are appropriate for evaluating nominees include but are not limited to:

- Advancing behavioral health or substance use disorder initiatives within their community.
- Support of a community effort that enhances access to emergency medicine and/or health care for behavioral health or substance use disorder patients.
- Contribution to the field of addiction or behavioral medicine through research and publications.
- Service to organizations that support addressing behavioral health issues or substance use disorder.
- Leadership activities
- Teaching
- Advocacy/legislative efforts

Past Recipients

2022	Gail D'Onofrio
2023	Roneet Lev
2024	Aimee K. Moulin
2025	Elizabeth M. McNamara

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

Any member who wishes to nominate a candidate should complete a nomination form. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support to through the online nomination form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination from an individual, chapter, section, or committee. All entries must be submitted for consideration no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Pain Management & Addiction Medicine Section will judge the entries, with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one individual.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE WELLNESS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Purpose

The Emergency Medicine Wellness Center Excellence Award is presented to an emergency medicine group, department, or clinical site that incorporates wellness and resilience on an institutional level and to use the information gathered in the nominations process to understand more about wellness best practices.

Award

The Emergency Medicine Wellness Center of Excellence Award is a plaque, or similar item, awarded to an emergency medicine department, group, or clinical site that demonstrates wellness best practices and may be displayed at their location. The recipient organization's name will be inscribed on a master plaque at ACEP Headquarters.

Eligibility

Any member of the College, or any component body, may nominate any emergency medicine department, group, or clinical site that demonstrates a commitment to both organizational wide and promotion of personal wellness and resilience among its emergency medicine physicians.

Criteria

The Professional Well-Being Committee will evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. The nominee should demonstrate an institutional commitment to wellness and resilience and serve as a model to other organizations. Activities that are appropriate for evaluating nominations include but are not limited to:

- Significantly helped to advance the understanding of emergency medicine physician wellness.
- Developed specific identifiable wellness and resilience programs for physicians.
- Demonstrate engagement in physician wellness and resilience at all levels of leadership.
- Examples of significant wellness practices may include, but are not limited to, having an assigned wellness officer or champion,
- Offer a variety of wellness programs in different domains of wellness,
- Offer both institutional level and individual level programs and support for physician wellness and resilience.
- Employing formal methods of evaluating the wellness and resilience programs in place.

Past Recipients

2021	Indiana University
2022	Riverside Community Hospital at UC Riverside
2023	University of Cincinnati Department of Emergency Medicine
2024	Department of Emergency Medicine at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center
2025	Department of Emergency Medicine at University of Pennsylvania

Entry Procedures and Selection Process

Any ACEP member who wishes to nominate a candidate should complete a nomination form and outline the nominee's wellness best practices. Submit the nomination form, nominee's curriculum vitae, and up to three letters of support through the online form located on the ACEP website. Letters of support are greatly encouraged and are at the discretion of the nominator. Additionally, a nominee should have only one nomination whether from an individual or from a chapter, committee, section, or individual. All entries must be submitted no later than the publicized deadline. Receipt of each nomination will be confirmed by email. Please follow up if you do not receive a confirmation.

Judging

The Professional Well-Being Committee will judge the entries with its recommendations subject to review by the ACEP Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final, and the Board reserves the right to make no award if there are no nominees of sufficient merit. The Board may also decide to grant the award to more than one recipient.

Priority scoring will be given to institutions that adhere to the [Well Workplace Policy Statement](#), with emphasis on the following sections:

- #2 – Facility Amenities
- #3 – Workplace Safety & Violence Prevention
- #6 – Mental Health & Early Recognition
- #14 – Burden Reduction (Admin Tasks)
- #16 – Wellness Evaluation and Accountability

- #18 – Wellness Committees and Programs
- #21 – Schedule Optimization