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DEANS' DIGEST

From the President-Elect
Barbara Ross-Lee, DO



Greetings!

As President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Foundation and former Dean of Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, I am pleased to present our inaugural edition of **Deans' Digest**. This quarterly e-newsletter, specifically curated for Deans, will focus on timely Foundation news. I hope you find it informative and useful.

In this edition, I invite you to learn more about our recently-opened scholarship and grant opportunities as well as how your school can honor and celebrate a partner of a graduating osteopathic medical student with a very special award.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Ross-Lee, DO".

Barbara Ross-Lee, DO
President-Elect, American Osteopathic Foundation

A Special Opportunity to Recognize Student Spouses

As Dean, you or selected staff have the opportunity to recognize an outstanding spouse of a graduating osteopathic medical student through a unique award program.

The AOF/AAOA Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award was established in 1993 in memory of the late wife of **Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu, MD**, whose life was cut short by a tragic auto accident. Donna was a multitalented woman and professional in her own right. She was a constant source of inspiration and counsel to her husband, who called her the "wind beneath his wings."

Like Dr. Moritsugu, many DOs are blessed with partners who help them achieve their professional goals including navigating the often difficult road to becoming a DO.



The AOF/AAOA Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award honors legally recognized spouses of graduating osteopathic medical students who best exemplify the type of immeasurable support and personal sacrifice that is crucial to their partner's success while being an individual in their own right.

In partnership with the **Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association** (AAOA) and Colleges and Schools of Osteopathic Medicine across the country, the Foundation presents this award to one individual from each school that submits a qualified name.

School selections will be accepted through May 31.

Additional information and access to the nomination portal can be found [here](#).

Thanks to those who have already submitted nominations. We look forward to sharing all of the wonderful photos and stories in the future.

Spring Application Cycle Now Open

The Foundation is accepting applications and nominations for many of our scholarships and grants. We encourage you to forward the information below, conveniently linked to the individual applications, to faculty and students.

Scholarships requiring a nomination and letter of support from the Dean:

AOF Golden Ticket Scholarship

AOF/AOA Presidential Memorial Leadership Scholar

Students can self-apply for the following grants and scholarships:

AOF William G. Anderson, DO, Minority Scholarship

AOF Karen J. Nichols, DO, LEAD Scholar

AOF Rocovich Research Grant

Envisioning Our Future

Over the summer the American Osteopathic Foundation will be convening thought leaders

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through a series of "think tank" forums to develop a vision for the profession that includes professional identity, education, clinical practice, and research. If you would like to learn more about the forums or how to nominate a member of your team to participate, please reach out to **Carolyn Torgersen**, Director of Marketing and Mission Communications. (*space is limited*)



If you have questions about grant and scholarship eligibility, please reach out to **Leticia J. Terry**, Director of Programs, Scholarships & Awards.



Questions about technical support requests? Please contact **Gina Gottlob**, Manager of Internal and External Affairs.



To explore opportunities for strategic partnerships, please contact **Rita Forden**, CEO.



For assistance in promoting opportunities and partnering on recognition, please contact **Carolyn Torgersen**, Director of Marketing and Mission Communications.



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