The Pharos Poetry Competition

Monetary prizes and publication in *The Pharos* for medical student poems about medicine or health

Moser Award

A \$4,500 writing prize for an essay, written by a physician, that celebrates the life of a physician

Postgraduate Awards

Ten awards of \$2,000 to support residents and fellows with a research project

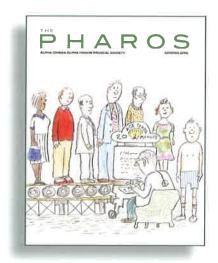
Administrative Recognition Award

Chapters can recognize admin assistants' invaluable work with a \$500 cash award and a framed certificate

Volunteer Clinical Faculty Awards

Chapters can recognize clinical faculty in community practices who teach medical students and residents

Alpha Omega Alpha also produces a one-of-a-kind, peer-reviewed medical humanities journal, *The Pharos*, sent quarterly to all active $A\Omega A$ members.



It's All About the Facts

- 130 Chapters in medical schools across the country
- More than 100,000 living members
- Nearly 200,000 physicians elected to membership since 1902
- More than 3,800 new members in 2015/2016
 - 82% elected as students (23% elected as juniors)
 - 7% elected as faculty
 - 3% elected as alumni
 - 8% elected as residents/fellows
- 57 AΩA members are Nobel Prize winners
- 11 United States Surgeons General have been AΩA members
- 75% of U.S. Medical School Deans are AΩA members
- More than \$1.5 million to medical students and faculty for awards, projects, and prizes



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Be Worthy to Serve the Suffering

Root-ed in Tradition

Founded in 1902 by William Root, a medical student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (A Ω A) preserves the highest ideals in the profession of medicine through a commitment to achievement, leadership, professionalism, teaching, service, and scholarship.

Members epitomize the characteristics of honesty, honorable leadership, morality, virtue, altruism, ethics, and dedication to serving others. They are passionate in their commitment to the advancement of the medical profession and the care of patients.

 $A\Omega A$ members carry on the tradition of the organization's mission set forth by the founding fathers more than 115 years ago:

Alpha Omega Alpha — dedicated to the belief that in the profession of medicine we will improve care for all by:

- Recognizing high educational achievement;
- Honoring gifted teaching;
- Encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community;
- Supporting the ideals of humanism; and
- Promoting service to others.



Life-long Career Relationship

Membership in A Ω A reflects a scholarly achievement, a demonstrated commitment to professionalism and leadership, and a dedication to community service. Membership is limited to 16% of graduating medical school students who have excelled academically, proven professionalism, and show promise of becoming leaders in medicine.

 $A\Omega A$ membership is recognized by medical institutions and practices around the world, and offers an advantage when applying for residencies, fellowships and career positions.

Faculty, alumni, and residents can be elected to $A\Omega A$ for scholarly achievement, professional contributions, gifted teaching, and exemplary values.

 $A\Omega A$ elections are held at the 130 $A\Omega A$ Chapters, and overseen by the $A\Omega A$ Councilor. New members are expected to register with the national office and remain active by paying a modest annual dues.

12 National Programs

Medical students, faculty, and active A Ω A members are eligible to participate in the 12 national programs and awards that are funded from member annual and lifetime dues.

Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowships

More than 50 Fellowships of \$6,000 each

Medical Student Service Leadership Project Awards

\$9,000 over three years to support service leadership projects that benefit the medical school and/or its local community



Councilor Carrie Ernst, MD, presents Ichan School of Medicine's 2016 Student Research Fellow Matthew Gallitto with his first \$2,500 check.

Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards

In partnership with the American Association of Medical Colleges four Distinguished Teachers receive \$10,000, their medical school receives \$2,500, and their Chapter receives \$1,000

AOA Fellow in Leadership Award

Three \$25,000 awards to mid-career physicians to support leadership development

Visiting Professorships

Each of the 130 Chapters may host one visiting professor each year with all travel expenses paid by $A\Omega A$

Edward D. Harris Professionalism Award

Up to three \$10,00 awards for institutional programs that represent best practices in medical professionalism

Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Awards

Monetary prizes and publication in *The Pharos* for medical student essays about medicine or health