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VCOM Faculty Recognized for Best Bedside Manner

The Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is proud to announce that 78 physician faculty members were recognized in *Ourhealth Magazine's* "Annual Best Bedside Manner Awards for Southwest Virginia." With over 21,000 votes cast, these VCOM physicians were recognized for "best bedside manner" based on three criteria: personal attention, time spent during a patient visit and overall compassion and understanding. Fifty five of the 78 were noted as 1st, 2nd or 3rd place winners and 23 were given Honorable Mentions. Honorable Mentions include those physicians that received 50 or more votes.

As part of VCOM's mission to provide community-focused and compassionate physicians, VCOM faculty members are integral in teaching and mentoring VCOM students to become the next generation of healthcare leaders in Southwest Virginia, and throughout the world. Sheena Gamble, VCOM Student Government President and second year medical student, was pleased to see the award results. "On behalf of the VCOM student body we are thrilled that so many of our faculty members were awarded for their compassion, integrity and altruism. We are honored that the values and skills that they teach us everyday are also apparent to their patients throughout Southwest Virginia."

VCOM's Dean, Dr. Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, D.O. was also excited about the recognition. "We are extremely proud of our faculty and their commitment to our

mission and values. VCOM has always made it a top priority to employ teaching faculty physicians who will not only train our students to become compassionate doctors, but will also continue to live out those values with their own patients as well. Congratulations to all of those who were awarded!”

VCOM Faculty Physician Award Winners (Listed By Specialty)

Allergy/Immunology

Roanoke Valley Second Place- Gates Hoover, MD, PCA (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley First Place- Donald Zedalis, MD (Clinical Immunology Faculty)

New River Valley Second Place- Kristina Kwak, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Anesthesiology

New River Valley First Place- Angela Billue, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Third Place- Michael Goodrich, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Bariatric Medicine

Roanoke Valley First Place- T.A. Lucktong, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley First Place- Charles Bissell, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Cardiology

New River Valley First Place- Daniel Osimani, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Dermatology

New River Valley First Place- Daniel Hurd, DO (Faculty Preceptor)

Emergency Medicine

New River Valley First Place- Frederic Rawlins, DO (Director of VCOM Simulation and Technology and Emergency Medicine Faculty)

New River Valley Second Place- P. Paul Ferraraccio, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Endocrinology

New River Valley First Place- Bruce Fariss, MD (Associate Professor)

New River Valley Third Place- Christopher Sonnier, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Family Practice

First Place New River Valley- Michael Clary, DO (Family Medicine Professor)

Gastroenterology

New River Valley First Place- Mark Ringold, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Second Place- Thomas Noble, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Geriatrics

New River Valley First Place- Lakshmi Kishore, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Hematology/Oncology

Roanoke Valley First Place- William Fintel, MD (Associate Professor)

New River Valley First Place- Jerome Goldschmidt, MD (Associate Professor)

New River Valley Second Place- Harry McCoy, III, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Third Place- Robert Rotche, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Infectious Disease

Roanoke Valley First Place- Muddasar Chaudry, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Internal Medicine

New River Valley Second Place- Christine Jordan, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Nephrology

New River Valley Second Place- William Baker, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Third Place- Allan Sklar, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Neurology

New River Valley First Place- Belinda Zhang, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Obstetrics & Gynecology

New River Valley First Place- David Roberts, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Third Place- Elizabeth Fox, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Occupational Medicine

Roanoke Valley First Place- Charles Lamb, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Ophthalmology

Roanoke Valley Second Place- Chad Albright, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Roanoke Valley Third Place- Richard Johnson, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Second Place- John Facciani, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Third Place- Daniel Drysdale, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Orthopaedics

Roanoke Valley Third Place- Clare Weidman, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Third Place- James Lebolt, DO (Faculty Preceptor)

Otolaryngology

Roanoke Valley Third Place- Tu Tran, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley First Place- Aaron Prussin, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Pain Management

New River Valley Second Place- Michael Goodrich, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Third Place- Donald Bivins, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Physical Medicine

New River Valley Second Place- Ralph Brown, Jr. MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Psychiatry

New River Valley Second Place- Jeffrey Gee, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Pulmonary Medicine

Roanoke Valley Second Place- Nelson Greene, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley First Place- John White, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Radiology

New River Valley Third Place- Edson Knapp, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Radiology Oncology

New River Valley First Place- Karanita Ojomo, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Sleep Medicine

New River Valley First Place- Donald Zedalis, MD (Clinical Immunology Faculty)

Sports Medicine

Roanoke Valley Third Place- Delmas Bolin, MD (Sports Medicine Faculty)

New River Valley First Place- James Lebolt, DO (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Second Place- Mark Rogers, DO (Family and Sports Medicine Faculty)

Surgery-General

Roanoke Valley Second Place- Robert Williams, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley First Place- Charles Bissel, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Second Place- David Stoeckle, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

Urology

New River Valley First Place- Judy Chun, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

New River Valley Third Place- Eric Gwynn, MD (Faculty Preceptor)

About VCOM: *Located in the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center in Blacksburg, Virginia, the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) provides medical education and research that prepares globally minded, community-focused physicians who improve the health of those most in need. The College has had a collaborative partnership with Virginia Tech since 2002.*

About Osteopathic Physicians: *Osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) are licensed in every state to practice the full scope of medicine, including examining patients, diagnosing illness, performing surgery, and writing prescriptions. D.O.s practice in every field of medicine as full physicians and since their training emphasizes principles that the body can heal itself given optimum conditions, disease prevention and proper nutrition and exercise are emphasized in their practice of medicine. D.O.s are also trained in musculoskeletal manipulation to address overall health needs of their patients.*