



# 2021

## FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

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# MESSAGE FROM THE ACOFP EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

2021 has been a transformative year for the ACOFP Education & Research Foundation. Through the help of our supporters, the ACOFP Foundation was able to increase the number of Initial Certification Grants awarded, secure additional organizational partners and develop a plan for the future of our organization.

As you may know, the *Forging Our Osteopathic Future* campaign helps to ensure the visibility and viability of practicing DOs by providing funds for the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) cognitive and practical certification exams to the next generation of osteopathic family physicians. Due to the increasing physician shortage, health disparities and need for primary care in our communities, support for osteopathic family medicine is vital—now more than ever.

Since launching the campaign in 2019, we have increased our commitment to achieving a strong and vibrant pipeline of DOs by supporting the osteopathic pathway throughout all stages of residency. We know that if a residency program does not endorse the AOBFP In-Service Exam (ISE), produced and administered by ACOFP, they have no pathway to sit for their osteopathic certifying board exam.

In addition to subsidizing the cost of the exam for our residents, we are developing a pilot program to fully pay the ISE exam fees for programs that have not traditionally supported the AOBFP exam. We know that to strengthen the future of osteopathic family physicians, it is crucial to bring more of these programs into the family, and this begins by committing to the AOBFP formative assessments.

With new and evolving ACOFP initiatives on the horizon—such as diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts—the ACOFP Foundation has recognized the opportunity and need for increased alignment as ACOFP's nonprofit partner and charitable arm by raising funds from philanthropic organizations to support these and future initiatives. Interviews with both ACOFP and the ACOFP Foundation's Executive Committees revealed two themes for the future of the ACOFP Foundation: a desire for a clear set of priorities and updated structures to support collective growth. As such, the Foundation, in partnership with ACOFP, is working to reflect on existing priorities, develop a strategic plan and establish governance best practices to support this growth and efficiently drive the work of both organizations. The challenges and opportunities facing our profession are great—and we know great things will come when we come together and take action.

As you will read in this report, it has been a busy year for the Foundation. I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to the individual and organizational partners and donors, as well as the



**Paul Martin,**  
**DO, FACOFP *dist.***  
ACOFP Education &  
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President, 2020-2022

## ACOFP Education & Research Foundation Goals

**PROMOTING** osteopathic family physician leadership

**ADVOCATING** for greater awareness of osteopathic family medicine principles and practices

**IMPROVING** public health

leadership and support of the Foundation Board and staff, who make all of this work possible. I would also like to thank ACOFP for their continued financial and operational support of the Foundation. We look to the future with a renewed sense of optimism and know that these efforts not only benefit the profession and the patients we care for, but also our collective efforts to sustain osteopathic distinctiveness and support the next generation of osteopathic physicians.

# FORGING OUR OSTEOPATHIC FUTURE CAMPAIGN GROWS

In 2019, the ACOFP Foundation launched the *Forging Our Osteopathic Future* campaign, chaired by Carol L. Henwood, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, to fund the Initial Certification Grant, which offers financial support to third-year residents taking both the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians cognitive and practical exams.

Fundraising began in 2019, and in 2020, nearly \$325,000 was pledged from 129 member donors and \$200,000 from 19 organizational partners, specifically for Initial Certification Grants.

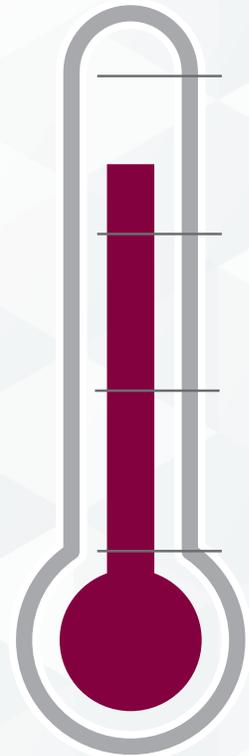
In 2021, the third year of the campaign, the ACOFP Foundation focused on three priority areas: managing of the campaign, securing pledged funds and seeking passive funds. The campaign has raised 85% of its \$2 million goal—a total of \$1,714,187 as of December 31—with 67% of total pledges collected.

In addition to the commitments made directly to the *Forging Our Osteopathic Future* campaign, more than 2,100 ACOFP members contributed \$65,195 to the ACOFP Foundation when renewing their membership dues.

Thank you to our **\$100,000+** donors for their generous support:

- American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
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*Forging Our Osteopathic Future* Campaign



**GIVING TUESDAY**

Support our osteopathic future this #GivingTuesday.

## GIVING TUESDAY CAMPAIGN

The ACOFP Foundation launched a #GivingTuesday campaign as part of its first year-end appeal, reaching the entire ACOFP membership through digital communications, as well as lifetime members and lapsed donors through print mailing.

## Your Support — A Demonstrable Impact

Total Pledge	Careers Launched
\$10,000	
\$7,500	
\$4,500	
\$3,000	
\$1,500	

I support the work of the ACOFP Education & Research Foundation because, as a medical student, I was provided significant assistance by many members of ACOFP, and I want to give back to the organization that supported me. With their help, I was able to become a successful osteopathic family physician and I am able to assist the next generations to achieve the same level of osteopathic success.

— Lynn M. Wilson, DO, FACOFP, FAAFP

# ACOFP FOUNDATION AWARDS INITIAL CERTIFICATION GRANTS

Funded by donations to the *Forging Our Osteopathic Future* campaign, the ACOFP Education & Research Foundation launched the Initial Certification Grant program in 2019 to strengthen the next generation of osteopathic family physicians. This program provides grants of up to \$1,400 to residents seeking American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) initial board certification. Eligible residents must complete both the practical and the cognitive AOBFP exams to be eligible for the grant, ensuring osteopathic distinctiveness through osteopathic manipulative treatment expertise. The impact has been immediate, providing grants to more than 200 residents to date.

In 2021, the ACOFP Foundation awarded 110 Initial Certification Grants to qualifying third-year osteopathic family physician residents from 32 states. Additionally, the Foundation provided support to ACOFP to help subsidize the costs for 1,908 residents taking the AOBFP In-Service Exam, produced and administered by ACOFP.

This grant is immensely important to me because it allows me to continue the long held tradition of osteopathy. It's immensely important that I join the select few who choose to continue their education in osteopathic manipulative therapy. I want this to be an essential part of our practice and this is one step closer to that goal I have.

— DeAundre A. Dyer, DO

**Learn more: [acofp.org/grant](https://acofp.org/grant)**

It means a lot that even at this stage in our career—where we have gone through undergrad, gone through med school, even nearing the end of our residency—that someone out there is thinking of us residents and wanting to help prosper our career and wish the best for us.

— Elizabeth V. George, DO



The ACOFP Foundation has launched the careers of **210** residents.

## 2021 Grant Applications by State (110)

Arizona (1)	Maine (3)	New York (5)	Virginia (4)
Colorado (1)	Maryland (1)	North Carolina (2)	Washington (3)
Delaware (1)	Massachusetts (1)	Ohio (1)	West Virginia (2)
Florida (15)	Michigan (8)	Oklahoma (13)	Wisconsin (4)
Georgia (1)	Minnesota (1)	Pennsylvania (18)	Wyoming (1)
Illinois (4)	Missouri (1)	South Carolina (1)	
Iowa (1)	New Jersey (12)	Texas (5)	

# ACOFP FOUNDATION BESTOWS AWARDS

The ACOFP Education & Research Foundation recognized outstanding residents and students in 2021.

## SANDER A. KUSHNER, DO, FACOFP MEMORIAL OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENT AWARD

Sander A. Kushner, DO, FACOFP, had a passion for osteopathic family medicine and a commitment to teaching. His legacy and impact on osteopathic medicine is evident through the physicians he trained, the colleagues with whom he worked and—most importantly—within the communities where he practiced. The Sander A. Kushner, DO, FACOFP Memorial Osteopathic Family Medicine Resident Award recognizes outstanding academic achievement and motivation for careers in osteopathic family medicine, continuing Dr. Kushner's legacy.

The 2021 recipient was David Tyler King, DO, MSed, from the Texas Institute for Graduate Medical Education and Research in Laredo, Texas.



**David Tyler King,  
DO, MSed**

## NAMEY/BURNETT PREVENTIVE MEDICINE WRITING AWARD

Sponsored by the ACOFP Foundation, with winners selected by the ACOFP Health & Wellness Committee, the Namey/Burnett Preventive Medicine Writing Award honors the memory of Joseph J. Namey, DO, FACOFP, and John H. Burnett, DO, FACOFP—dedicated advocates for osteopathic medicine—and recognizes the best preventive medicine blog posts submitted by osteopathic family medicine students and residents.

In 2021, the first place winners were Athena Chatziagiannidis, DO; Kendall Harris, DO; and Dustin Beck, DO. The second place winner was Colleen Maher, OMS-IV, and the third place winner was Shikha Patel, OMS-IV.

# ACOFP FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH ELI LILLY



The ACOFP Foundation is grateful for our partnership with Eli Lilly, which has graciously provided sponsorship support for the 2022 ACOFP Future Leaders Conference.

The conference is designed for outstanding new physicians and residents interested in achieving a greater awareness of their leadership style and its impact on their professional performance.

Eli Lilly's purpose of uniting caring and discovery to create medicine that makes lives better for people around the world fundamentally aligns with the Foundation's strategic goals of improving public health and developing new healthcare leaders. We look forward to continuing this partnership.



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