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Congratulations to Dr. Gary L. LeRoy



Dr. Gary LeRoy, Alpha Upsilon, '88 had an exciting year in 2022. He was selected as the new Senior Vice President of Diplomate Experience at the American Board of Family Medicine. His primary focus will be to improve the Diplomate experience with Board certification; lead ABFM engage-

ment efforts with both the Diplomates and collaborating organizations; oversee strategy for communications and outreach efforts; and provide physician support for the professional aspects of board certification using in-person, virtual and digital approaches. Having served as President-elect, President and Board Chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians from 2018 to 2021 definitely gives him the background for his new position.

"Quotes from the Edge of Nowhere" is the title of Dr. LeRoy's award-winning book. It recounts ten randomly selected personal quotes, saved in a cookie jar, and creates a life-learning narrative using the origin of the quote. This book was the winner of the Next Generation Indie Book Award for African American Author Non-Fiction in 2022.

A native of Dayton, he has served the inner-city community for over three decades at East Dayton Health Center. Most recently he held the position of Associate Dean of Wright University School of Medicine. Dr. LeRoy has served on many community and nonprofit boards, at one time serving on thirteen boards. Phi Rho Sigma has also benefited from his talent as he serves the national organization as Vice-President and as the Counselor of our chapter at Wright State University. Dr. LeRoy is a past recipient of Phi Rho Sigma's Jesse Ansley Griffin medal for his outstanding contribution to Phi Rho Sigma Medical Society.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Phi Rho Sigma is now calling for nominations for the Society's gold medals which are to be presented at the January 5, 2024 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Irving S. Cutter medal is presented to a member of Phi Rho Sigma who has made an outstanding contribution to medicine during his/her medical career.

Our second award, the Jessie Ansley Griffin medal, is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Phi Rho Sigma Medical Society.

The Paul L. McLain Research award recognizes research done by a society member during his/her medical education. Each chapter receives information on how to apply for this award.

Nominations for the Cutter and Griffin medals are due in the National Office by August 15th. Please send your information to P.O. Box 90264, Indianapolis, IN 46290 or via email at hrodenbe@sbcglobal.net.

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Our Two Omaha Chapters Have A Busy Year

Eta at Creighton University and Iota at the University of Nebraska have varied activities each year.

Eta Chapter:

In the community, the chapter volunteers at a free medical clinic where they examine eyes, write prescriptions, give out vouchers for prescription glasses and hand out reading glasses. The chapter offers a suture clinic for its members. On the social side Eta members enjoyed holiday parties with a Christmas party and a Valentine's Day party.



Iota Chapter:

Iota chapter members and prospective new members enjoyed a fall B-B-Q at the home of their counselor. Over 100 people attended a fun day of good food and fellowship. The chapter sponsors a Phi Rho for a Cause Charity Golf Tournament each fall. Iota chapter presented a check for \$12,500.00 to the Meyer Foundation for the support of the Munroe Meyer Institute's Recreational Therapy's Adult Evening programs, Cooking Clubs and Adaptive Yoga programs. Chapter members are grateful for the support from the Phi Rho Sigma Foundation, Iota Benefit (the Iota UNMC Alumni Association) and all the golfers and non-golfers who supported this event.



Alumni Spotlight



Named as one of the Best Doctors 2022 in Dallas is Casey Drake, Iota '94. She was a pediatric hospitalist in Dallas but now owns and practices at Pecan Tree Pediatrics which has multiple locations in the Dallas area. Casey has also been active with Phi Rho Sigma where she served as the national organization as Historian.

Tom A. Aufderheide, Theta Tau '79 lives in Wauwatosa, WI and is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. His field of research is how to improve survival from cardiac arrest.

Alpha chapter member, David Vogt, '75 was a member of the Cleveland Clinic's Department of General Surgery for over forty years. Now retired from clinical work, he continues to be involved in medicine by teaching medical students and residents and volunteering at the hospital.

A Phi Rho couple from Alpha Upsilon chapter are Tim, '11 and Amanda, '15 Freeman. Both of them are pediatricians and practice together at One Pediatrics, Inc. in Kettering, OH.

Albert Nibbe, Alpha, '54 of Wheat Ridge, CO writes "I'm in my mid-nineties. The world will little note or long remember what I did here, but I found it a marvelous adventure, so far!"

Still teaching medical students two days a week is Phillip K. Huggins, Chi Delta '57 of Columbia, SC. He has been a Professor of Psychiatry for over sixty years at the University of South Carolina in addition to having a private practice.

Rebecca Crawford Metzinger, Zeta, '95 is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Vice Chairman of Ophthalmology at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans. She is also Chief of Ophthalmology at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Affairs System. In addition to her professional positions, Rebecca still finds the time to participate as a member of the Board of Directors for the Southern Eye Bank and the New Orleans Eye Bank as well as other civic organizations.

A 2020 graduate of Iota chapter is Megan Rolfzen. She is currently an anesthesiology resident at the University of Nebraska Medical Center participating in the Career in Research and Anesthesiology (CRANE) Scholar Program. Megan was named the Anesthesia, Education and Research Resident Scholar for 2021 by UNMC. Her article "Association Between Alcohol Use Disorder and Hospital Outcomes in

Colectomy Patients" was recently published in the Journal of Anesthesia.

Among of our new life members are Danial Selvig, Zeta '14 and Isabel Greenfield, Zeta, '15. They live in the San Francisco area where Daniel is in Gastroenterology and is an Assistant Professor and Clinician at Kaiser San Francisco. Isabel is an OB/GYN and a Clinician also at Kaiser San Francisco.

Richard G. Lane, Chi Alpha, '73 lives in Franklin, TN where he is the Past President and current Executive Director of the Williamson County Medical Society. He is retired after 40+ years in primary care and internal medicine beginning with a solo practice, then moving to a small group before ending up as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Vanderbilt Medical Center. Throughout his entire career he has been involved in leadership and advocacy for patients and the profession of medicine.

Enjoying a well-deserved retirement is Frank Forte, Eta, '69 who resides in Staten Island, NY. He is the former Director of Palliative Medicine at Staten Island University Hospital. Dr. Forte is the Director Emeritus of the Hematology/Oncology Departments. Over the years he has received numerous honors and authored many publications.

A Cardiologist at St. Lukes University Health Network in Bethlehem, PA is Sam Ross Giamber, Lambda Phi '66. His free time is kept busy with a variety of interests such as wood working, car collecting and boating when the weather permits.

Another member enjoying retirement is Larry Waterbury. A graduate of Alpha Nu, '62 he lives in Baltimore, MD where his past positions included being Chief of both the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology at the J.H. Bayview Medical Center. Now his time is spent playing the clarinet, studying French, cooking and reading.

Also a graduate of Alpha Nu, is John Preston Erwin, Jr. '66. He was a partner in the Family Diagnostic Medical Center in Hillsboro, TX for over thirty-five years. A past president of Alpha Nu chapter he has held many leadership positions in his community. He was a member of the Hillsboro School Board and later served as its president. Then he was elected to serve as Hillsboro's mayor and served in that position for eight years.

A graduate of Alpha Nu, '85 is Melina Jan Smith. She is a Cardiologist with Prisma Health in Columbia, SC.

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Ronald Pancner, Pi, '61 resides in Fort Wayne, IN where he is in a private Psychiatric practice and is also associated with Parkview Behavioral Institute. He is devoted to improving psychiatric resources in his community. The local Bar Association gave him an award for testifying to modify pleas of not guilty because of mental illness and for teaching the public how to deal with the mentally ill.

Joseph Serra, Epsilon, '60 lives in Stockton, CA where he is the retired founder of the Stockton Orthopedic Group. Besides his local practice he has made twelve trips to Malawi, Africa to perform surgery on polio crawlers and trauma victims. The University of Pacific also benefited from his knowledge as he taught orthopedics for over thirty-fives years in their PT Doctorate Program. In his spare time he enjoys mountain climbing and has climbed Kilimanjaro twice.

After practicing Pediatrics for over forth years in St. Paul, MN, John Balfanz, Theta Tau, '71 retired. Retirement didn't suit him, so he went and did locums in Bozeman, MT and Duluth, MN. Then he worked with Essentia in Duluth until he finally retired in 2021. Dr. Balfanz is a Past President of the Ramsey Medical Society and Chief of Staff at Children's Hospital and Clinics.

The title of Reverend Doctor describes Talmadge Bowden, Jr. of Augusta, GA. A Chi Alpha, '62 member he is both a Surgeon and an Episcopal Priest. He is associated with both the Medical College of Georgia and the Diocese of Georgia where he serves at the Church of The Good Shepard.

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