



Celebrating Great Work

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Warning: Spoiler Alert!

I am usually good about keeping secrets, but news this exciting just can't wait. There's something special about being recognized by your peers for work well done, especially when that recognition is at center stage of our largest annual event. The hard work and dedication required to consistently perform at a high level takes a special professional. These are the people who are tireless workers, but who oftentimes are not publicly recognized for their contributions. However, this year, it's my privilege to introduce our annual award winners and I can't wait until the Annual Meeting to publicly thank them for all they have done for AACVPR.

AACVPR Fellows

These individuals are being recognized for their exceptional achievement and service to AACVPR. These five people exemplify what it means to be leaders in the cardiac and pulmonary rehab professions.

- **Alison L. Bailey, MD, FACC, FAACVPR**
- **Bob Brown, MPH, MBA, FMFA, FAACVPR**
- **Bonnie K. Clark, RCP, RRT, CPT, FAACVPR**

- **Leonard Kaminsky, PhD, FACSM, FAACVPR**
- **Barbara Masters, MSN, RN-BC, CCRP, FAACVPR**

AACVPR Masters

These individuals demonstrate the highest standards and a long-term commitment to our profession and association. They are our go-to people for important initiatives and have served many leadership positions in AACVPR. The 2016 recipients are:

- **Bonnie L. Anderson, MS, RCEP, MAACVPR**
- **Chris Garvey, FNP, MSN, MPA, MAACVPR**
- **Ana Mola, PhD, RN, ANP-C, MAACVPR**
- **Randal J. Thomas, MD, MS, MAACVPR**

Distinguished Service Award

This award is given annually to an individual whose leadership, ideas and committee work have significantly benefitted AACVPR.

This year, I can think of no one better than **Barbara B. Flato, BSN, MSN, CCRP, RN-BC, FAACVPR** to receive this award. Her dedication and commitment to AACVPR is greatly appreciated.

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**Michael L. Pollock
Established
Investigator Award**

AACVPR honors an individual each year that has made significant advances in cardiac rehabilitation through research and scholarly contributions. This year, it is my pleasure to announce that **William E. Kraus, MD** is the recipient of this year's Pollock Award. His tireless work and dedication to cardiac rehabilitation and the patients we serve is well-deserved.

**Thomas L. Petty
Distinguished Pulmonary
Scholar Award**

AACVPR also recognizes someone each year that has made significant contributions in the field of pulmonary rehabilitation research and education. This year, **Neil MacIntyre, Jr., MD, FAACVPR** receives the honor. Dr. MacIntyre's brilliant career in pulmonary medicine and research highlights why he is well-deserving of this award.

Outstanding Affiliate Award
This year, we recognize the **Iowa Association of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation (IACPR)**. **Learn more on page 19.**

**Presidential
Recognition Award**

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A personal favorite of mine this year; this award recognizes and thanks those who have made significant contributions to AACVPR during the president's tenure. I'm thrilled and honored to recognize **Gerene S. Bauldoff, RN, PhD, FAACVPR; Barbra A. Fagan, MS, RCEP, FAACVPR; and Marjorie L. King, MD, FACC, MAACVPR** for their efforts on behalf of AACVPR.

**Linda K. Hall
Innovation Award**

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Fairview Health Services - Periphery Artery Disease (PAD) Rehab has earned this honor, recognizing their creative enhancement of delivery of care.

**L. Kent Smith Award
of Excellence**

As our most prestigious award, the L. Kent Smith Award of Excellence is given to one practitioner for outstanding clinical contributions in our field. This year, **Murray Low, EdD, FACS, MAACVPR** is the qualified and deserving recipient of this honor. As one of our most passionate members, this recognition is long overdue.

I'd be remiss if I did not thank Glenn Feltz, PsyD, FAACVPR and the entire Awards Committee for their incredible work in selecting these awardees. With such a significant number of worthy individuals among our membership, these decisions were not easy to make.

I hope you'll join me in New Orleans in September at the AACVPR Annual Meeting to celebrate each of these people, along with the winner of the Beginning Investigator Award. It is sure to be a good time filled with great education and, I am sure, quite a bit of fun as well. ■

