



Fall 2023

Hi everyone,

Happy holidays.

November was an eventful month for our Chapter. We kicked off the month with a hike in DC's Rock Creek Park. Chapter members and their families met up for coffee, and bagels and explored the wonderful trails of our nation's third-oldest US National Park. It was terrific to meet people in a relaxed setting and to get to know members and their families with dried leaves crunching underfoot and the cool brisk air of fall in our lungs.



Switching gears, a couple of weeks later we met for our annual scientific meeting. The scientific session was organized by the education committee led by Arrel Olano and featured cutting-edge presentations on a range of topics including spirituality in medicine, long COVID, treatment for migraines, prevention of RSV in the elderly, and the use of artificial intelligence in medicine. The awards program was organized by the awards committee led by Henry Masur and honored our amazing colleagues who earned national and chapter awards. Drs. Elena Rios and Princy Kumar were recognized with national awards, Steven E. Weinberger Award for Physician Executives/Leaders and Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award respectively. Peter Marks, was recognized with our chapter's Laureate Award. A big congratulations to all of our chapter award winners who are listed in the article below. Wrapping up the day was the chapter's Doctor's Dilemma competition. This competition, in the style of the TV show Jeopardy! featured teams of residents from across our region. Howard University took top honors and will represent our chapter at the national ACP meeting in April 2024 in Boston.

Wishing everyone happy holidays and hoping for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2024

Shmuel Shoham, MD, FACP
Governor, District of Columbia Chapter of the ACP

Chapter Awards

Our annual meeting was a resounding success! It was wonderful to see everyone who attended. We enjoyed delicious food, engaging conversations, and the opportunity to reconnect with old friends while also forging new connections.

One of the highlights of our meeting was the awards presentation. Here's a quick summary:

- The **Laureate** award was presented to Peter Marks, MD, FACP.
- The **Sol Katz** award winners:
 - Florina Constantinescu, MD, MS, PhD
 - Marijane Hynes, MD, ABOM
 - Col. Joshua Hartzel, MD, MS-HPed, FACP, FIDSA
 - Ernest Fischer, MD
 - Gail Kerr, MD, FACP
 - Amisha Barochia, MMBS, NHS, ATSF
 - Jessica Logan, MD
 - Elisabeth Kramer, MD, FACP
- The **Walter Lester Henry** award was given to both Bob Siegel, MD and Allen Roberts, MD, MDiv, MA.
- Jennifer Tran, MD, MBA was recognized with the **Citation for Early Career Achievement**.
- Sean Whelton, MD, FACP, FACR was honored with the **Leadership** award.
- Christopher Walsh, MD, FACP received the **Community Based Teaching** award.
- The **Award for Advancing Careers for Minorities** was given to Martin Dillard, MD, MACP.

We would like to say congratulations to all the award recipients. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for your contributions to our community. We look forward to seeing what you will achieve in the future!

National Award Winners

This year, we are proud to announce that we have not one, but **two** national award winners.

The American College of Physicians has honored Princy N. Kumar, MD, FIDSA, MACP, with the [Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award](#). This award is a testament to the dedication and commitment to the field of medical education. Dr. Kumar is a Professor of Medicine and Microbiology, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, and Senior Associate Dean of Students at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

The Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award is bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated exceptional teaching skills and made significant contributions to medical education. The award is named in honor of Dr. Jane F. Desforges, a pioneer in internal medicine and a dedicated educator. She was the first woman to receive this award, which was subsequently named after her. The recipient of this award is nominated by their former students, who themselves have become remarkable teachers.

The [Steven E. Weinberger Award](#) for Physician Executives/Leaders is another prestigious accolade given to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the medical field. This award doesn't solely focus on professional accomplishments but also considers the national and international impact made on healthcare and patient care.

This year, the American College of Physicians has chosen Elena V. Rios, MD, MSPH, MACP as the distinguished recipient of the Steven E. Weinberger Award. As President and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, as well as President of the National Hispanic Health Foundation, Dr. Rios has made substantial contributions to medicine.

Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

DC-VA Leadership Academy

The deadline for applications to the 2024 Class of the DC-VA Leadership Academy has been extended to **December 16, 2023**. The Leadership Academy is geared toward mid-career physicians looking to gain more experience/knowledge in leadership. You can find a [full description of the program here](#).

DC ACP Book Club

December 21, 2023

7:00 PM

The DC ACP has a book club, and you are invited to join us! As part of the book club, each member will read the selected book and then participate in the discussion. Our next meeting will be **December 21, 2023**, and we will be reading [Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science](#) by Atul Gawande.

Join Book Club

Salary Data & Contract Review Tips Webinar

January 17, 2024

7:00 PM

How do you know what you are worth? What's in a normal contract? How do I know if I have leverage? Kyle Claussen, CEO of Resolve, will join us to discuss the most problematic issues in physician contracts, including:

- *Compensation*
- *Call Coverage*
- *Maternity Leave*
- *Non-competes*
- *Side Gigs*
- *Intellectual Property*

- *Private Equity Buy-outs*
- *& More*

Bring your questions and start your career off the right way.

[Register Here](#)

Webinar for Medical Students: Mastering the Art of Personal Statement Writing
February 6, 2023
6:30 PM

Join us for a webinar designed specifically for medical students like you. This webinar will provide you with all the necessary tools and guidance to write a compelling personal statement that truly reflects your passion, dedication, and unique qualities. Whether you're just starting to draft your personal statement or looking for ways to improve what you've already written, this webinar will provide valuable insights.

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