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Arizona Medical Association recognizes members of the medical community for contributions to health care

June 5, 2017 — Each year, the Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) recognizes special individuals or groups who have contributed to the success of health care in Arizona. Recipients were recognized in an awards ceremony during the ArMA President’s Banquet at the Phoenix Country Club on Friday, June 2.

Here are the award recipients, listed after the awards they received:

David O. Landrith Humanitarian Award

The ArMA Humanitarian Award recognizes programs and individuals who go above and beyond their given profession to help underserved communities receive medical care and other health care services that lead to the betterment of their lives.

Kris Volcheck, DDS, MBA – Founder, Brighter Way Institute

This award recognizes the life-changing contributions that Dr. Volcheck has made to homeless populations in Phoenix, having established one of the largest volunteer-driven dental clinics in the nation, providing comprehensive dental care to homeless veterans, adults and children.

ArMA Distinguished Service Award

The ArMA Distinguished Service Award recognizes those individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond in their profession, making a significant impact on the community, specifically in the realm of health care system change and information.

Cronkite News – Arizona State University

This award recognizes the work of advanced journalism students at ASU’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication in producing “Hooked Rx: From Prescription to Addiction” a special investigative project on the destructive epidemic of opioid addiction in Arizona.

Edward Sattenspiel, MD, Award

This award is given in memory of Edward Sattenspiel, MD, a former ArMA president and champion for health care in Arizona, in recognition of an individual’s long-term commitment to organized medicine.

Robert Orford, MD, MPH – Assistant Professor of Medicine, Mayo Medical School & Consultant, Division of Preventive and Occupational Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale

This award was presented to Dr. Orford for his many years of demonstrated commitment to organized medicine and to recognize his leadership and tenure of service to the Arizona Medical Association.

“Walk the Talk” Award

The “Walk the Talk” Award was established to recognize individuals or organizations that go above and beyond the usual in their support of issues impacting medicine and patients.

Arizona State Senator Kate Brophy McGee

This award was presented to Senator McGee for her principled approach to supporting physician leadership in health care, and uncompromised patient care.

C.H. William Ruhe, MD Award

The C.H. William Ruhe, MD, or Ruhe, Award was established to recognize excellence in accredited continuing medical education (CME) programs in Arizona.

Mayo School of Continuous Professional Development, Mayo Clinic in Arizona – Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)

This award was presented to MSCPD in recognition of their program excellence and innovation as demonstrated by their Accreditation with Commendation status and ongoing activities in Arizona.

ArMA/ADHS Public Health Service Award

Each year, ArMA and the Arizona Department of Health Services recognize an individual or group of individuals whose contributions to public health have been significant.

Chic Older – Executive Vice President, Arizona Medical Association

This award was co-presented with ADHS Director Cara Christ, MD, to Chic Older in recognition of his support of public health issues during his 32-year tenure at the Arizona Medical Association.

Wallace A. Reed, MD Award

The Arizona Medical Association established this new award to honor excellence in health care innovation, in honor of Wally Reed, MD, an Arizona anesthesiologist who designed and established the Surgicenter, the first ambulatory outpatient surgery model of health care delivery.

Thomas Grogan, MD – Founder, Ventana Medical Systems

This award was presented in recognition of Dr. Grogan’s accomplishments in advancing the automation and standardization of tissue biopsy testing, and the subsequent ability to develop more effective treatment plans.

Sportsman Award

The ArMA Sportsman Award recognizes health care-related programs and or individuals who improve the health care of our state's athletes.

Mark Westervelt, MD – retired Family Physician from Camp Verde

This award was presented in recognition of Dr. Westervelt's lifetime commitment to the local sports community of Camp Verde, where he served 16 years on the school board, six years coaching Little League, and 40 years providing free sports physicals to the local schoolchildren and their teams.

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The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) has been promoting and providing leadership in the field of medicine for more than a century. For more information, visit www.azmed.org.