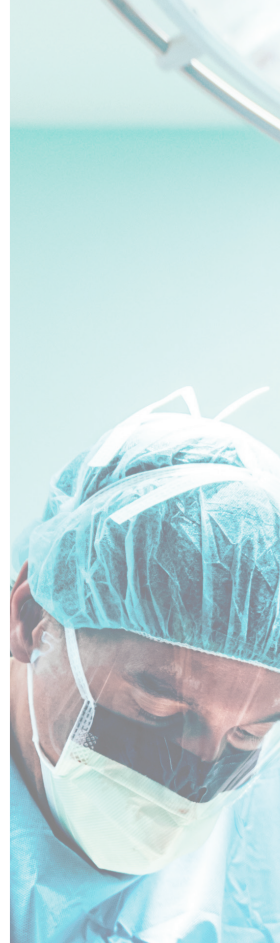


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Letter from CEO

Valerie Sheridan, D.O., FACOS, DFACOS, FACS

In 2024, the ACOS achieved significant milestones that have advanced fulfilling our mission and vision. These successes are a tribute to the relentless effort and dedication of our surgeon volunteers and staff.

Completing my second year as CEO, I am proud to highlight our organization's unwavering commitment to better serving the needs of our surgeons and enhancing the care of our surgical patients. Our committees have successfully conducted meetings that have driven the College forward, while our Board has become more informed and engaged, playing a crucial role in our strategic direction.

Our leadership has been instrumental in shaping the future of osteopathic surgery, providing outstanding networking opportunities with Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (COMs), state organizations, affiliate organizations, and other osteopathic entities. We have updated our bylaws to reflect the evolving needs of our organization and launched several quality initiatives aimed at improving patient care and

professional standards. Significant changes in our mentorship programs and education offerings have enhanced their impact and accessibility.

We are proud to have won the AOA Outstanding Affiliate Award for the first time, recognizing our leadership and exceptional achievements. Our dedicated staff have been pivotal in driving our success, and the Annual Clinical Assembly (ACA) was an outstanding program, providing valuable education and networking opportunities for our members.

As we move into this next year, we remain committed to providing relevance to our membership by continuing to focus on our mission and vision goals, particularly as we begin planning for our 100-year celebration in 2027. Networking more personally with our members and incorporating their feedback into our plans and actions has been crucial in creating a better, more relevant organization. We look forward to continuing this approach to ensure that ACOS remains a leader in the osteopathic community.

I am pleased to observe that the essential elements of the vision I presented upon taking this role are being effectively accomplished. I look forward to advancing this progress and celebrating even more remarkable successes in the upcoming year.

Warmest regards,
Valerie Sheridan, D.O., FACOS, DFACOS,
FACOS, Chief Executive Officer



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Mission

The ACOS is committed to promoting excellence in osteopathic surgical care through mentorship, education, advocacy, leadership development, and the fostering of professional and personal relationships.



Vision

To sustain and grow a united community of all surgeons that promotes the highest level of osteopathic surgical practice.





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Outgoing President's Address

J Bracken Burns

Dear ACOS Member,

I want to thank you for the privilege of being the 97th President of the ACOS. During my time on the Board of Governors I have seen great strides toward making the ACOS the “home of the Osteopathic surgeon”. I want to continue to encourage each of you to “Believe and Act as if it were impossible to fail” when advocating for Osteopathic surgery. Whereas we as members are the present of the ACOS, I sincerely hope the ACOS will continue to develop and mentor our students and residents as they are the future of the ACOS. I wish you the best in your professional endeavors and the care of your patients.

Regards

J. Bracken Burns Jr. DO, FACS, FACOS
Professor of Surgery
Division Chief of Acute Care Surgery
East Tennessee State University
Department of Surgery



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Award Winners



OREL F. MARTIN MEDAL

Larry G. Armstrong, D.O., FACOS, FACS



HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Herbert Emmanuel Oye, D.O., DFACOS, FACS



CHARLES L. BALLINGER DISTINGUISHED OSTEOPATHIC SURGEON AWARD

GUY D. BEAUMONT, JR., FACOS AWARD OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Adam B. Smith, D.O., DFACOS



Presidential Citation Award Winners

Chad Robbins, D.O., FACOS

Stuart Chow, D.O., FACOS

Rafael Villalobos, D.O., FACOS

Resident Robert C. Erwin Literary Award Winners

1ST PLACE

Megan Finneran

Role of Routine Radiographs After Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion

GENERAL SURGERY

1ST PLACE

Alice Wang

An Algorithm for Treatment of Symptomatic Chronic Subdural Hematomas

NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

2ND PLACE

David Mann

Defining Pathologic Upstaging in cT1b Esophageal Cancer: Should We Consider Neoadjuvant Therapy?

UROLOGICAL SURGERY

2ND PLACE

Benjamin Fink

Risk Factors Associated with Unplanned Conversion to Open in Radical and Partial Nephrectomy

UROLOGICAL SURGERY

5TH PLACE

Elise Yoon

Reduction in Cost and Length of Stay after Elective Spine Surgery with Implementation of An Enhanced Recovery after Surgery Pathway: A Quality Improvement Study

NEUROSURGERY

Resident Achievement Award Winners

NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

James Brazdzionis, D.O.

Program Director: Dan E. Miulli, D.O., FACOS
Riverside University Health System

Gustavo Anton, D.O.

Program Director: Boyd Richards, D.O., FACOS, FACN
Asencion Providence MSU-CHM

Tye Patchana, D.O. MS

Program Director: Dan E. Miulli, D.O., FACOS
Riverside University Health System

UROLOGICAL SURGERY

Javier Andres Piraino, D.O.

Program Director: Laurence H. Belkoff, D.O., FACOS
Main Line Health (Fellowship – Mayo Clinic)

Young Son, D.O.

Program Director: Program Director: Thomas J. Mueller, M.D., FACS
Jefferson Health

2024

College Service Award Recipients



**2023-2024 ACOS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE
AWARD - COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**
Lane Mark Lee, D.O.,
FACOS



**2023-2024 ACOS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE
AWARD - LECTURER**
Michael S. Kluska,
D.O., FACOS, FACS



**2023-2024 ACOS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE
AWARD - MENTOR**
Daniel Edwards, II,
D.O., FACOS



**2023-2024 ACOS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE
AWARD - RECRUITER**
Alyssa R. Moreland-
Pastorino, D.O., FACOS

THANK YOU



We realize your “free time” is invaluable.
For that reason – and many more, we thank all members
who volunteer their time, energy, and resources to the College!



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Committees



ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions

CHAIR:

Rafael Eduardo Villalobos, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for reviewing and judging poster abstracts for the Annual Clinical Assembly.

Awards

CO-CHAIRS:

Dr. Kelly M. Van Fossen, D.O, FACOS
Dr. Lauren Kopicky

Responsible for reviewing award nominations and selecting winners.

Bylaws

CHAIR:

Alexander D. Beier, D.O., FACOS
FACOS

Responsible for ensuring ACOS and SOSA Bylaws are upheld and examining recommendations for modifications.

Ceremonial

CHAIR:

Scott W. Grover, D.O., FACOS
Responsible for developing the Ceremonial Conclave program held at the Annual Clinical Assembly to recognize new members, award recipients, and other member recognitions.

Continuing Education

CHAIR:

Dan E. Miulli, D.O., FACOS
Responsible for overseeing and developing themes, identifying needs, and ensuring the progression of all ACOS educational programs.

Ethics

CHAIR:

Kristen J. Conrad-Schnetzer, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for reviewing, updating and interpreting the AOA Code of Ethics, and investigating all complaints regarding unethical member conduct.

General Surgery In-depth Review Program

CHAIR:

Nelayda Fonte, D.O., FACOS, DFACOS

Responsible for selecting program chairs for the meeting and assisting in program implementation and developing program materials.

Government Affairs

CHAIR:

Robert Rappel, D.O., FACOS
Responsible for educating members on important regulatory and legislative matters, developing policy statements, and forming alliances with appropriate affiliate organizations.

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action (IDEA)

CO-CHAIRS:

Nefertiti Childrey, D.O.

Christopher Jessie Richardson, D.O., MBA, FACOS, FACS

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Action committee was created to explore and engage issues regarding diversity, equity, inclusion in the ACOS membership of surgeons, residents, and students

Membership

CHAIR:

Sharon A. Rooney-Gandy, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for approving memberships, reviewing and approving fellow applications, and establishing and implementing membership rules and criteria.

Quality Initiatives

CO-CHAIRS:

Aleksandr Sokolovsky
Olutayo A. Sogunro, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for providing informational resources and addressing concerns regarding quality initiatives, developing outcome measures and recommendations, policy statements, and liaising with CMS.

Social Media Committee

CO-CHAIRS:

Thomas M. Cox, D.O. FACOS
Katelin A. Holmes, D.O., FACOS

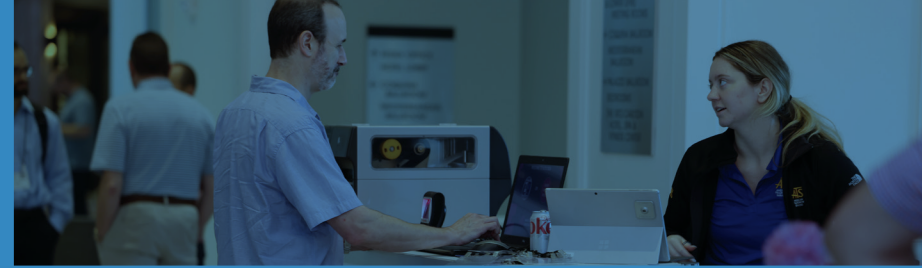
The social media committee was created to enhance our social media presence and increase organizational visibility among other like-minded individuals. These efforts will maximize linking social media and creating uniformed content between the ACOS and its disciplines and sections (student section, resident section).

Strategic Planning

CHAIR:

Laurence H. Belkoff, D.O., FACOS
Working in conjunction with the Board of Governors, systematically review the ACOS's desired future and translate the vision of the board into achievable goals and objectives. Regularly review the existing strategic plan and make necessary adjustments. Periodically conduct research to guide the long-term strategic of the ACOS.

2024 Meetings in Review



General Surgery In-Depth Review Seminar

APRIL 11-14, 2024 | KANAS CITY, MISSOURI

PROGRAM CHAIRS: Igor Elyash D.O.
Victoria Schlanser, D.O., FACOS

The 2024 ACOS General Surgery In-depth Review (IDR) was held April 11-14 in Kansas City, MO. This course, a preparatory workshop for resident surgeons preparing for board exams, also offered up-to-date information for the established general surgeon in practice. We were pleased to offer eligible participants the opportunity to earn 32 AOA Category 1A or *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

Last year's IDR offered supplemental course content focused on bariatric and rural surgery cases. Drs. Victoria Schlanser and Igor Elyash once again delivered an outstanding program, packed with content worth up to 32 CME credits. Over 60 participants attended the course in person and another 25 surgeons took advantage of the course after it launched online.

Next year ACOS will launch a version of the IDR, "General Surgery Mid-Year Updates," April 4-6 in Omaha, Nebraska. This new spring program will offer the same caliber of content you've come to expect from the IDR with a narrower focus on the increasingly heterogeneous mix of procedures performed today by the general surgeon.

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Jennifer E. Susoreny-Velgos, D.O., FACOS
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Urological Surgery Discipline Mid-Year Meeting

PROGRAM CHAIR: Paulette Dreher, D.O.

The 2024 ACOS Urological Surgery Mid-Year Meeting was held at the American Urological Association's (AUA) Annual Conference on Saturday, May 4 at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, TX. This year's Program Chair, Paulette Dreher, D.O., planned a first-rate continuing medical education (CME) program. Special thanks to Dr. Dreher for leading this program. Attendees of the 2024 ACOS Urological Surgery Mid-Year Meeting were eligible to earn either AOA Category 1A CME Credits or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.



ANNUAL CLINICAL ASSEMBLY

Orlando, Florida | September 25-29, 2024



Mark your Calendars!

Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons

SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2024, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

THEME: *Reach: ACOS Mission Possible*

The 2024 Annual Clinical Assembly was held September 25 – 29, 2024, at the Orlando Marriott Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida. Our theme, “Reach: ACOS Mission Possible,” carried a conference that was more than just a gathering - it was a call to action. It was about reaching out, up, and within, in our pedagogical, personal, and professional lives. It was about educating and being educated, striving for balance, and ensuring quality healthcare for all. Our mission is one of stability, balance, and the relentless pursuit of reaching our full potential.

Under the leadership of our Committee Chair, Dan E. Miulli, D.O., FACOS, the Continuing Education Committee curated an outstanding conference, featuring expanded programming in Robotics, Bariatric Surgery, and Rural Surgery.

ACOS demonstrated its commitment to maintaining the highest standards of clinical content validity and integrity in its CME programs. We thank all our Committee Members, Our Committee Chairs, Speakers and ACOS Staff, and countless others for their commitment to excellence.

Highlights to this year’s programming included:

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Colonel Mike Mullane | *“Countdown to Leadership, Teamwork & Safety”*

Rafael Grossman, M.D., MHDS, FACS | *“The Future of Surgery: How will AI and Virtual Reality Augment Human Performance and the Surgical Team”*

Sherman N. Leis, DO, FACOS | *“A Brief History of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and Its Development in the Osteopathic Profession”*

THEODORE F. CLASSEN MEMORIAL LECTURER:

Julie Wilkes, PhD | *“Matters of the Heart”*

Future Programs

2025 GENERAL SURGERY MID-YEAR UPDATES

April 4-6, 2025

Omaha, Nebraska

2025 ACOS UROLOGICAL SURGERY MID-YEAR MEETING

April 27, 2025

Venetian Conference Center

Las Vegas, Nevada

ANNUAL CLINICAL ASSEMBLY OF OSTEOPATHIC SURGEONS

September 17 – 21, 2025

Grand America Hotel

Salt Lake City, Utah

September 30, 2026 –

October 4, 2026

Hyatt Regency

New Orleans, Louisiana

Continuing Education

General Surgery In-Depth Review Committee

In accordance with the ACOS Mission, the Continuing Education Committee is responsible for developing conference themes, identifying educational needs, and planning the accredited Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities of ACOS educational programs including the Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACA).

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Resident Section

The Annual Resident Section Business Meeting was held on September 28th, 2024. Nicholas Kinder, D.O., Chair for the 2023-2024 academic year, led the meeting. The agenda for the meeting included an update from the current chair, Dr. Nicholas Kinder, highlighting progress made over the last academic year regarding medical student engagement, recruitment, and increased social media presence. Discussions were held over new social media initiatives, recruitment, member engagement, and further development of virtual journal clubs.

The newly elected 2024-2025 Resident Section Council was announced: David Mann, D.O., Chair, Zachary Brennan D.O., Chair-Elect, Kayla Brown, D.O., Chair of Academic Advancement and Engagement, Grace Young, D.O., Secretary-Treasurer, Rachel Oppenheim, D.O., Member-at-Large. Goals for the upcoming academic year were discussed and included continued engagement with the medical student section and collaboration including virtual journal clubs and resident section presence at the ACOS-MSS Spring Meeting, resident recruitment, and engagement, further amplifying social media, continued discussions on changes to the resident section bylaws, and development of a robust resident program for the 2025 ACA.

2024

Resident Section Officers

CHAIR

Nicholas Kinder, D.O., PGY-3
Cape Fear Valley Medical Center

CHAIR ELECT

David R. Mann, D.O., PGY-4
Medical University of South Carolina

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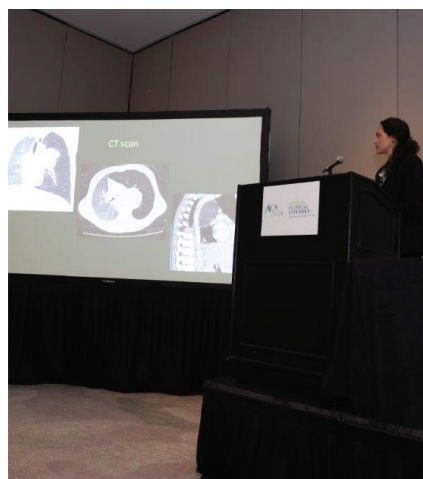
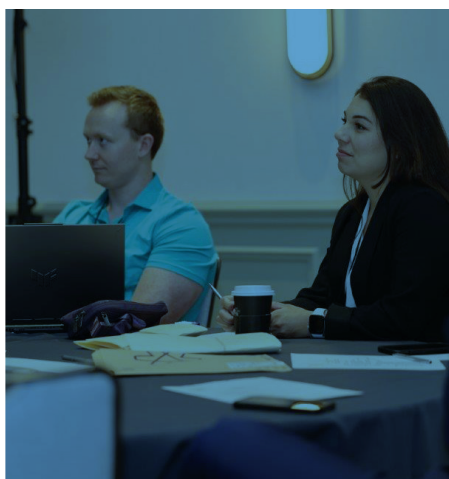
Grace Young, D.O., PGY-2
Cleveland Clinic – South Pointe

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Zachary Brennan, D.O., PGY-2
Cedars -Sinai Medical Center

CHAIR OF ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

St. David's South Austin Medical Center



ACOS Medical Student Section

The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons – Medical Student Section (ACOS-MSS) had an exceptionally successful year in 2024. In the spring, we exceeded our registration cap for a second year in a row to have over 200 osteopathic students attend the ACOS-MSS conference in Davie Florida hosted by Nova Southeastern Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine. The conference consisted of lectures by ACOS President Dr. Bracken Burns, Dr. Alia Abdulla, Dr. Chad Robbins, Dr. Jessica Okun, Dr. Eric Goldsmith and ACOS-Resident Section Secretary Treasurer Dr. Grace Young. The weekend also included opportunities to present their research, and for ACOS-MSS chapters to present their community service efforts. The skills portion of the conference was highlighted by virtual reality, knot tying, lumbar puncture simulation, and a session regarding incorporating OMT into Surgical Practice. At the spring business meeting, the ACOS-MSS elected the 2024-2025 Executive Board: Chair: Courtney Merwin, WVSOM '25; Vice Chair: Bebe Eke, PCOM-GA '25; Treasurer: Whitley Figge, ATSU-KCOM '25; Research: Megan Crotts, ATSU-KCOM '25; Secretary: Will Huff, LMU-DCOM '26; Technology: Andrea Schmitt, RVUCOM-CO '26; Conventions: Allie Heineman, NSU-KPCOM '26; Communications: Emily Stack, WCUCOM '26.

The ACOS-MSS monthly Zoom meetings for students continued to grow and featured events such as a program director panel, a personal statement workshop featuring MatchPal Medical, a third-year rotation and sub-I success sessions, an intro to ERAS, research success sessions, and more! We also started a series of sub-specialty sessions to introduce first- and second-year medical students to the variety of opportunities that are present in surgical fields. Additionally, we continued our collaborative efforts with the resident section and hosted journal clubs covering landmark trials that are essential to know.

The ACOS-MSS sub-committees now include the Conference Committee, IDEA sub-committee, Engagement Committee, Research Committee, HPSP Committee, and a Resources Ad-hoc committee.

In the fall of 2024, the ACOS-MSS had great attendance at the student section of the Annual Clinical Assembly in Orlando, FL, even with travel difficulties as result of hurricane Helene. Lectures for the student track at ACA included opening remarks with Dr. Bracken Burns, Dr. Francesco Mangano, and Dr. Kristen Conrad-Schnetz, as well as discussion about research with Dr. Young Son, PGY-4, mental health in residency by Dr. Samantha Santora, PGY-1, mentorship in surgery by Dr. Maxwell Jabaay, PGY-2, advancements in robotic surgery by Dr. Jason Caños, and a panel about mastering the match and standing out post-ACGME merger. Students also had the opportunity to complete mock interviews, practice suturing and knot tying, play medical jeopardy, and attend a rotation preparation panel. The speed mentoring event was incredibly successful, with over 55 speed mentors in attendance and 10 new volunteers as regional liaisons. The ACOS-MSS is looking forward to another successful year in 2025. We look forward to our spring 2025 conference hosted in Tulsa, Oklahoma by Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.



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Student Robert C. Erwin Literary Award Winners

1ST PLACE

Devki Patel

Role of Routine Radiographs After Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion
UROLOGICAL SURGERY

1ST PLACE

Vaishnavi Patel

Peri and Postoperative Complications of Minimally Invasive Tubal Ligation versus
Salpingectomy for Permanent Contraception
GENERAL SURGERY

2ND PLACE

Deepthi Akella

Middle Ear Tophi: A Case Series of Two Unusual Lesions and a Report of Facial
Weakness and Review of the Literature
OTOLARYNGOLOGY - HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

2ND PLACE

Lopa Shah

Light as a drug: prospective randomized evaluation and comparison of the effect
of decreased illumination on visual recovery after cataract surgery
OPHTHALMOLOGY

2ND PLACE

Vincent Alexander

Peri and Postoperative Complications of Minimally Invasive Tubal Ligation versus
Salpingectomy for Permanent Contraception
GENERAL SURGERY

Medical Student Section Officers



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West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine



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Georgia



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pathic Medicine



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William Carey University College of Osteopathic
Medicine



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Allie Heineman, Research Year
Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel
College of Osteopathic Medicine - Tampa



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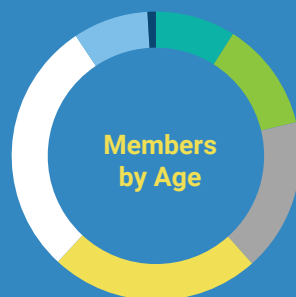
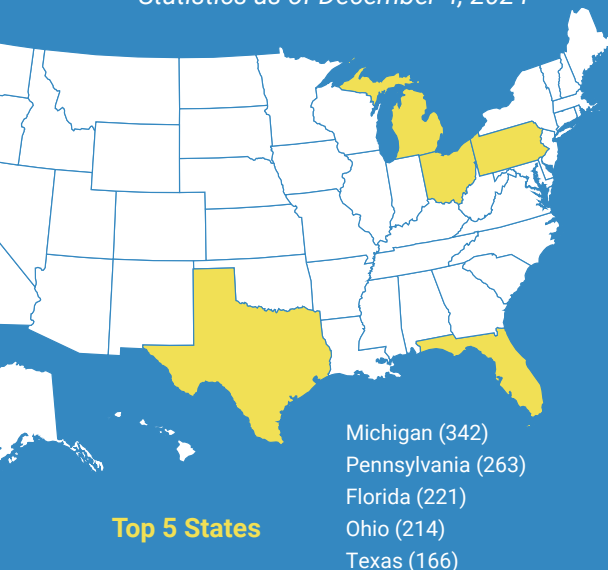
Membership

This year, we honored eighty-one members who earned the designation, Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (FACOS), and ten members who earned the designation, Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (DFACOS). ACOS Fellows and Distinguished Fellows demonstrate continued engagement and service to the College, contribute to our profession with their time, their service, and their education of others, and are committed to the practice of surgery, surgical teaching, and leadership in their community, and local, state, and national organizations. These designation honors are bestowed upon the best of our profession.

Thirty-eight members completed their membership requirement and participated in the annual member induction ceremony in Orlando, Florida.

ACOS by the Numbers

Statistics as of December 4, 2024



- Age 75 and over (247)
- Age 65-74 (338)
- Age 55-64 (471)
- Age 45-54 (647)
- Age 35-44 (791)
- Age 24-34 (232)
- No birth data (26)



- Cardiothoracic Vascular (226)
- Neurosurgery (232)
- Orthopedic (85)
- Plastic Reconstructive (142)
- General Surgery (1635)
- Surgical Critical Care/Trauma (42)
- Urology (343)
- Other (47)

1692 Active Members

353 Life Members

414 Retired Members

268 Resident Members

25 Other Members

5157 Student Members

7909 Total Members*

With a
96%
Retention
Rate



* Including Students



Incoming President's Address

Francesco Mangano

Dear Fellow Members of the ACOS,

As we close out another remarkable year, I am truly humbled to serve the College as its 98th president.

Founded in 1927, the College was established to set high educational standards for its members and provide continuing surgical education. We continue to thrive today thanks to the unwavering commitment and dedication of all the members who came before us.

Our core values of honesty, integrity, adaptation, and surgical excellence remain unchanged. Our vision to sustain and grow a united community of surgeons that promotes the highest level of osteopathic surgical practice is very much aligned with the original vision forged almost 100 years ago. The road paved by our predecessors was undoubtedly challenging, but with patience and perseverance, those challenges were met and overcome.

Today, the ACOS's commitment to promoting excellence in osteopathic surgical care becomes my mission as well. As we face new challenges and continue to address existing ones, I am certain we will discover new opportunities that will propel us forward.

Change is a constant, especially in the landscape of healthcare delivery and medical education. New knowledge from

scientific research and innovation provides significant opportunities for us to adapt and lead. In the coming year, we will continue to advocate for the uniqueness of our profession while enhancing member value for everyone, including medical students, residents, and active members across all disciplines. This will be achieved through existing and new educational initiatives aimed at keeping us at the forefront of our calling. You will see greater visibility of the college through enhanced collaboration with other national societies, increased social media presence, the incorporation of artificial intelligence platforms for education and communication, and the creation of new fellowship opportunities that will highlight the ACOS as the home of all osteopathic surgeons. By seeking out members from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, we will foster an environment of mentorship and guidance. Ensuring that everyone within the college, from our most junior to our most senior members can thrive, will enrich the college in both tangible and intangible ways.

Currently the College boasts ~5000 student members from 53 chapters, growing resident membership and 95% renewal and retention rates of active members with 44 new Fellow inductees in 2024. The ACA, despite the threat and arrival of Hurricane Helene, hosted over

1,000 members at the annual meeting. Special educational offerings this year included expanded programming in the areas of robotics, bariatric surgery, and rural surgery. Several awards were presented for scientific and clinical science as well as the highest College's awards at our annual ceremonial conclave. We are proud of all member achievements.

Finally, I want to emphasize our individual professional purpose as physicians and surgeons: to provide the best possible care for our patients every day. This is our greatest responsibility. As members of the ACOS, when we provide such care, we become the face of this organization to our patients, embodying our purpose and values. This point of contact is where the culmination of our mission at the ACOS is at its strongest. You, the individual, as part of the larger cohort that makes up this great organization, will have the final say in how we continue to grow and thrive in our ever-changing environment. As this new journey begins for me and for us, I am filled with optimism for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead both within and outside of the college. Thank you for this extraordinary honor, and together, let us continue to advance the mission of the ACOS.

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