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Akron General Center for Family Medicine Resident Chosen for Leadership Award

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) has announced that Lauren N. Burns, D.O., of Akron, Ohio, will receive its 2010 Resident Leadership Award.

The Resident Leadership Award is given annually to recognize a second-year family medicine resident in Ohio who has provided leadership in OAFP; promoted family medicine; participated in recruiting; shown professionalism; completed community service; and exhibited research, teaching and leadership skills.

A family medicine resident at Akron General Center for Family Medicine Residency Program in Akron, Burns completed medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine-Bradenton, Bradenton, Fla., and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Med (Zoology) and Genetics (Botany/Microbiology) from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. She was recently appointed chief resident at Akron General.

Among her numerous leadership roles, Burns serves as a resident member on the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Commission on Continuing and Professional Development and its Subcommittee on Scientific Assembly.

She also serves as resident Foundation trustee to Ohio Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, and was OAFP's 2009 alternate delegate to the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students. Her presentation at the 2010 OAFP Family Medicine Symposium on Research and Education won best oral education presentation.

At Akron General Center for Family Medicine, Burns serves on the Quality Improvement Committee and Curriculum Committee.

“Burns has shown a consistent interest and aptitude for the organizational side of medicine and achieved high praise from the doctors familiar with her work with OAFP. I have personally worked closely with her on our center's Quality Committee, where she has been a valuable member. She often volunteers for additional tasks and does more than her share of the workload without complaining. She has demonstrated to me the skills, knowledge and aptitude to succeed in a multitude of leadership positions,” said Elliot B. Davidson, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., program director of Akron General Center for Family Medicine.

Burns' leadership skills extend beyond her association activities and that at Akron General to her outstanding patient care and community service.

“She has also been very involved in community service. She has given patient education lectures to our local access clinic, which is a clinic staffed by the residents and attendings that house homeless women and children. She has attended baby fairs and been on the *Akron General Good Health Radio Hour* with radio host and fellow Akron General family physician Deborah Plate, D.O., to talk about women’s health,” said Renee Markovich, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., associate program director at Akron General for Family Medicine and an OAFP past president.

“I believe Burns is exactly what our community needs—a great family physician that is great with her medical skills and also related to the person and not just the illness,” said Cindy L. Boso, R.T. (R), R.D.M.S.

“Lauren is an excellent physician who cares greatly for her patients. Patient satisfaction surveys done throughout her training have always been exceptional and attest to the fact that her patients enjoy the care provided to them by Dr. Burns,” said Davidson.

“She is very pleasant and calm, but has a healthy curiosity and desire to learn. She has shown great enthusiasm for family medicine and is always looking for ways to help. She is a good listener, perceptive and mature. Burns was noted by her advisor to be a highly self-directed learner,” he continued.

Burns resides in Akron (44333).

Burns will receive the Resident Leadership Award at the 2010 OAFP Awards Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, from 6:30-10 p.m. at Embassy Suites Dublin in Dublin, Ohio. Registration to attend the dinner is \$40 per person; there is no charge for OAFP members. Reservations can be made at www.ohioafp.org or by calling OAFP at (800) 742-7327.

Also during the awards ceremony, Roger J. Kauffman, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., of Bellefontaine, Ohio, will be presented with the OAFP Family Physician of the Year Award and Sanford Kimmel, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., of Toledo, Ohio, will receive the OAFP Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award.

The Ohio Academy of Family Physicians is a statewide, professional association with more than 4,200 members, including practicing physicians, family medicine residents and medical students. The scope of family medicine encompasses all ages, both sexes and every disease entity. Family physicians provide comprehensive, continuing care to all members of the family. For more information, visit www.ohioafp.org.

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Editor’s Note

To receive a copy of Burns’ photograph or to schedule an interview, please send an e-mail to Megan Smith at msmith@ohioafp.org or call (800) 742-7327. Photographers and videographers from the media are welcome to attend the Awards Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 7.