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The American Orthopaedic Association Announces The 2023 Distinguished Award Winners

Rosemont, IL, June 17, 2023 - The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) announced its 2023 Distinguished Award Winner recipients during the Opening Ceremony of the 2023 AOA Annual Leadership Meetings on June 14, 2023, in Salt Lake City, UT.

These individuals are nominated by their peers within the AOA for their leadership and accomplishments for their contributions to the specialty. They are:

- 2023 Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics Award - Frank R. Noyes, MD, FAOA

The AOA Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics (DCO) Award recognizes an AOA member's personal achievement, commitment to excellence, meritorious leadership, and substantial contributions influencing the orthopaedic specialty.

- 2023 Distinguished Clinician Educator Award - Amy L. Ladd, MD, FAOA

The AOA Distinguished Clinician Educator (DCE) Award recognizes an AOA member as an exceptional orthopaedic clinician educator. The award emphasizes the critical role that clinician educators play within academic health centers, where state-of-the-art educational programs demand faculty time devoted to training medical students, graduate students, residents, and other health professionals.

Frank R. Noyes, MD, FAOA

2023 Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics Award

Frank R. Noyes, MD, FAOA, is a national and internationally recognized authority on the diagnosis and treatment of complex knee problems. He graduated from the University of Utah BA Philosophy, attended George Washington University Medical School cum laude, and completed his Orthopaedic training at the University of Michigan. He received a four-year appointment as an orthopedic surgeon and senior researcher at the Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory in the United States Air Force, Wright Patterson Ohio, commissioned as a lieutenant colonel. He initiated bioengineering research into knee ligament injuries, effects of immobility, biomechanics and injury prevention and put together a team of bioengineers to be a co-founder of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Cincinnati, one of the first Bioengineering Schools at the University of Cincinnati along with Edward Grood, PhD. Dr. Noyes has been the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) Chairman of the Research, Fellowship and Curriculum Committees, and a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Biomechanics and Knee Committees. He is currently a Professor Emeritus in Orthopaedics at the University of Cincinnati and Chairman of Research and Education at the Jewish Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Noyes has a passion for education and research and established one of the first Sports Medicine and Arthroscopic Fellowships, graduating 176 fellows with clinical positions in private and academic practice. The Bioengineering School has grown with fully credentialed Bioengineering programs at the Bachelors, Master's, and PhD levels with PhD students and fellows in mentored published research. Dr. Noyes has published over 300 peer reviewed publications that have been selected in bibliometric studies as the most 25 cited Arthroscopy surgery studies, the 50 most cited anterior cruciate ligament research studies, and top 50 most cited knee Arthroscopy studies. Dr. Noyes is the author of four textbooks including Noyes Knee Disorders and 12 E-Books.

Dr. Noyes and the research team have received numerous honors including the Kappa Delta Award, Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation award, AOSSM Research and Education Awards, AOSSM Hall of Fame, and excellence awards from the University of Cincinnati, Deaconess Medical Center, and Jewish Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati.

Dr. Noyes is most proud of his loving and successful wife JoAnn Noyes, RN, an American Heart Association Board member, and award recipient, their three children, and five grandchildren.

Amy L. Ladd, MD, FAOA
2023 Distinguished Clinician Educator Award

Dr. Amy Ladd is the Elsbach-Richards Professor of Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine, the Chief of the Pediatric Hand Clinic at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, and the Stanford orthopaedic Vice-Chair of Academic Affairs. She created the Stanford Hand Fellowship in 1991, which she directed until 2019. She served as the Assistant Dean for Medical Advising at Stanford University 2013-21, and currently advises medical students pursuing surgical careers. Dr. Ladd is Past Chair of the AAOS Board of Specialty Societies, and past member of the AAOS Board of Directors. She is currently 2nd Vice President of the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons.

Dr. Ladd's hand surgery practice includes both adults and children. Her research focuses on deciphering human motion of injury, disease, and deformity. Her research accolades include the Nicolas Andry Award from the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons, and the Andrew Weiland Medal from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. In addition to research, she holds innovation patents that span wrist fractures treatment, implants for thumb arthritis, a means to codify the golf swing, and a trademark to promote musculoskeletal health awareness. She strives to integrate new approaches to solving old conundrums across medicine and the realm of teaching, training, and education. Dr. Ladd's commitment to promoting pipeline education and mentorship complements community and national orthopaedic initiatives. She values her role as both mentor and champion to several hundred medical students, residents, and fellows over the course of her career spanning over three decades.

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About The American Orthopaedic Association

Founded in 1887, and the first orthopaedic association in the world, The American Orthopaedic Association is a small, select organization of elected orthopaedic leaders. Membership in The American Orthopaedic Association is an earned membership that comes at the end of a stringent peer-reviewed process. Fewer than 10% of practicing orthopaedic surgeons have achieved AOA Membership. Members of The American Orthopaedic Association are referred to as Fellows of The American Orthopaedic Association (FAOA). This designation after a surgeon's name means that the surgeon has achieved recognition for exceptional accomplishments and leadership in the orthopaedic specialty. Our programs are designed to provide leadership education for surgeons from residency through retirement. The AOA helps orthopaedic surgeons gain and enhance skills and concepts not taught during residency. This includes leadership development courses, content, and training for academic orthopaedists, and providing thought leadership on and solutions for critical issues facing the broad orthopaedic community. Find out more at www.aoassn.org, follow us on Twitter @[aoa1887](https://twitter.com/aoa1887), or on LinkedIn.