

Deb Simpson Receives Weinberg Award

Dr. Deborah Simpson, Academic Affairs Education Director at Advocate Aurora Health is the 2022 Ethel Weinberg Award winner. Deb was honored at the AIAMC Annual Awards Dinner held Friday, March 25th in New Orleans. Dr. Simpson was nominated by her colleagues Jake Bidwell, MD, and Tricia La Fratta, MBA. Jake and Tricia shared that Dr. Simpson has "...written more than 700 invited/peer-reviewed presentations and 185 invited/peer-reviewed publications in medical education that reflect her primary interest in clinical teaching effectiveness, faculty development, and vitality for clinician educators...". Deb has served the AIAMC in numerous capacities, including Board Director from 2015-2021, Co-Chair of our Programming Committee from 2019-2021, and team member or leader for every National Initiative (NI) since NI IV. Her accomplishments outside of the AIAMC are equally impressive. As was written on her nomination form, "Deb was the first holder of the Elsa B. and Roger D. Cohen MDs Children's Hospital of Wisconsin/Medical College of Wisconsin Professorship in Medical Education, and the first female to receive the college's Distinguished Service Award. Nationally, Deb received the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine's (STFM's) Excellence in Education Award for faculty development; a McCann Faculty Scholar for mentoring; and the AAMC-GEA's Merrill Flair Award. Congratulations!



(From L to R): Shelly Monks, FACHE, AIAMC President, and Award Winner Deb Simpson, PhD

The Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers presents the Ethel Weinberg, MD, award on an annual basis to its individual member who best exemplifies the energy and commitment of our founder. The person selected for this prestigious honor must demonstrate excellence in providing:

- Significant service to the Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers, including but not limited to Board officer or director as well as committee member and leader.
- Noted leadership in academic medicine, both locally and nationally.
- Advocacy for the independent academic medical center by articulating our unique role and contributions.
- A vision for the future of academic medicine in the AIAMC.



2022 Webinar Series

Register now to attend the AIAMC's 2022 webinar series by visiting <https://aiamc.org/event/39>. In support of AIAMC members in medical education, the AIAMC is excited to provide a year-long leadership development webinar series that advances "Connecting education to

exceptional patient care." Pivotal for all leaders of GME-related programs today, the webinar series is comprised of three longitudinal-themed tracks focused on:

- Lessons Learned from Unexpected Disruptions
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)
- Leadership Core Competencies

Webinars are \$100 for AIAMC members and \$150 for non-members. AIAMCConnect sessions are free, but pre-registration is required.

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National Initiative News

Ninety-five National Initiative VIII participants attended Meeting Two, held March 25th and 26th at the Loews New Orleans Hotel. All 26 AIAMC-member teams were represented, with 59 members attending in person and 35 joining the meeting virtually. *Meso Environment Approach: Implementing a JEDI Project* opened on Friday with a keynote panel presentation featuring our National Advisory Council (NAC) for National Initiative VIII. The following NAC members joined us on-site: Elisa Arespacochaga, Vice President, Clinical Affairs and Workforce, American Hospital Association (AHA); Faith Fletcher, PhD, Assistant Professor, Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine; Lisa Howley, PhD, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships in Medical Education, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC); William McDade, MD, PhD, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME); and David Savage, MD, PhD, Fellow, Hematology-Oncology, Scripps Health, while these NAC members joined us virtually: Philip Alberti, PhD, Senior Director, Health Equity Research and Policy, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC); Joaquin Baca, Director for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for Medical Education, American Medical Association (AMA); Laney McDougal, MS, Director, Medically Underserved Areas/Populations and GME, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME); and Barbara Ross- Lee, DO, Chair, Racism and Injustice in Healthcare Education Adaptive Working Group, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM). More than 30 storyboards were on display, and teams were able to network in small cohort breakout sessions. Teams also had dedicated time to meet and plan next steps. On the second day of programming, National Initiative VIII attendees joined the AIAMC 2022 Annual Meeting and enjoyed excellent presentations by Susan Kirk, MD, Immediate Past Chair, Institutional Review Committee (IRC), ACGME, and Associate Dean for GME and DIO, University of Virginia Medical Center; and Chad Priest, JD, RN, Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross Indiana Region.

Plans are currently underway for National Initiative VIII Meeting Three, which will be held October 14th at the Omni Chicago Hotel with the theme *Macro Environment Approach: Supporting the JEDI Project and Seeking Input from Others*.



(From L to R): David Kountz, MD, MBA, MACP, and Virginia “Ginny” Mohl, MD, PhD, Co-Chairs, AIAMC National Initiative VIII

Welcome New Members

The Alliance warmly welcomes **LCMC Health** to our membership. Located in New Orleans, Louisiana and neighboring cities, LCMC Health is a five-hospital system that includes University Medical Center New Orleans, Children’s Hospital New Orleans, Touro Infirmary, East Jefferson General Hospital, and West Jefferson Medical Center. The system sponsors more than 1,300 residents in 90 programs and is affiliated with Tulane University School of Medicine and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans. WELCOME!

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Meet New Board Officers

The following AIAMC members began their two-year terms officer appointments on the Board effective April 1st:



Heather Sankey, MD, MEd, FACOG, CPE, President

Dr. Sankey is the Burkman Endowed Chair of Obstetrics & Gynecology at **Baystate Medical Center** in Massachusetts and has served on the AIAMC Board since 2019.



Joseph Portoghese, MD, Vice President

Dr. Portoghese is the Chief Academic Officer and DIO at **AdventHealth Orlando** in Florida and has served on the AIAMC Board since 2016.



James "JP" Orlando, EdD, Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Orlando is the Chief Graduate Medical Education Officer and DIO at **St. Luke's University Health Network** in Pennsylvania and has served on the AIAMC Board since 2019.

AIAMC Mission Statement

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AIAMC Vision Statement

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