



ALLIANCE OF INDEPENDENT
ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS
Weinberg Award Application Form

Name of Nominee:	Lynne Chafetz
Nominee Title:	Senior Vice President
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Contact Information for Individual Completing This Application:

Same as above; skip to question 1 -OR-

Your Name:	Gillian Abshire
Your Job Title:	Director, GME
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1. Please describe the nominee’s leadership in academic medicine, both locally and nationally:

Ms. Chafetz serves as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Virginia Mason Medical Center, where she oversees legal affairs and governance of the Medical Center and its affiliates, including Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason, the Medical Center’s Graduate Medical Education program, and Center for Healthcare Improvement Science. She serves as Chair of the Medical Center’s Innovation Leadership Team and is a member of the Senior Council, Information Security Oversight Committee and Graduate Medical Education Committee. She is a leader of Virginia Mason’s Jones Learning Center and is an advocate of the importance of simulation in education, skill competency and assessment, patient safety and healthcare quality.

During her tenure at Virginia Mason which began in 1997, Ms. Chafetz has served as the Senior Vice President for research, human resources, organizational development, and continuing medical education. She is a certified leader in the Virginia Mason Production System. She is former president of the Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys Prior to joining Virginia Mason, Ms. Chafetz was a partner in the Seattle office of Davis Wright Tremaine where

she was a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Ms. Chafetz is a magna cum laude graduate of Tufts

University, where she received a B.A. in Psychology and a Certificate in Community Health. She received her law degree from the University of Washington, School of Law, with high honors, Order of the Coif.

Ms. Chafetz has served as a board member of AIAMC over 8 years and a champion for the independent academic medical center and AIAMC initiatives 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. She Co-Chairs National Initiative 6 and actively participates at National Initiative meetings leading small groups, presenting workshops, serving on panels and facilitating conference key learnings and summaries.

A demonstrated advocate for residents in all areas of training, Lynne is especially committed including residents as a part of the fabric of organizational life and highly integrated in clinical operations. This has strengthened Virginia Mason's training programs as core parts of the organization rather than an appendage to the core day to day operations. Ms. Chafetz brings intellectual curiosity and rigor, with a focus and commitment on "total" preparation for future careers. She is a strong advocate for "system engineering" approaches and exposure of residents to this work throughout their training experience.

2. How has the nominee served as an advocate for the independent academic medical Center (IAMC)?

Lynne's passion for excellent resident education together with a vision of innovation, a work force culture of respect, and a priority of patient safety and integrity of practice have aligned Lynne with the key vision and mission of the AIAMC. She has provided excellent leadership with candor and spirit and "taking off the gloves" to tackle the issues that will help transform the educational experience for residents and thereby transform healthcare.

3. Please describe how the nominee has articulated his/her vision for the future of academic medicine in the IAMC:

Ms. Chafetz champions vision that espouses a passion for the role of AIAMC and the IAMC as key to shaping the medical education agenda for the future and ensuring that we are evolving our teaching and training to meet the needs of patients today, and long into the future. She believes that through excellence and innovation in education, healthcare quality can be transformed.

As part of the transformation, Ms. Chafetz has been a champion for improving not only the Clinical Learning Environment of our residents, but for all of our 5000 team members at Virginia Mason by championing organization wide initiatives. One recent notable initiative was the second iteration of our Respect for People campaign. This was a large endeavor where all team members attended a 2 hour session led by a local improvisation troupe demonstrating and catalyzing discussions on how respectful behaviors enhance our ability to care for our patients and each other. These efforts have been recognized by the Innovator Award at Virginia Mason for 2018.

4. Has the nominee received national recognition for his/her contributions to academic medicine?

Yes No x Not sure

If yes, please describe:

5. If chosen for this award, will the nominee be present to receive it at the AIAMC 2019 Annual Meeting, to be held March 28th – 30th at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019*