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The South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society Names Dr. W. Mark Jones 2023 Resident of the Year

Spartanburg, S.C. – The [**South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society**](#) presented Dr. W. Mark Jones, V with its 2023 Resident of the Year Award on June 8 at its Annual Meeting.

This award honors a current DO Resident who demonstrates commitment to osteopathic patient-centered care, provides exemplary patient care and clinical promise, contributes to scholarly activity, and demonstrates leadership and a commitment to the community.

Dr. Jones is a 2020 graduate of [**Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine \(VCOM-Carolinas\)**](#) in Spartanburg, SC. His academics into medical school placed him in the top one percent in every standardized test where any medical field would be available for his career choice. Yet his compassion for people and his extreme desire to help all sorts of everyday folks was confirmed with his VCOM training that led him into a Family Medicine residency.

“Rarely if ever has a more qualified resident come along in all my 40 years on Family Medicine faculty,” said Dr. Gerard Jebaily, Program Director at McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program. “Dr. Jones volunteers with local charitable events, happily helps with medical staff improvement projects, and has earned the respect of his attendings and full-time faculty with his caring ethic. He represents the very best of the Osteopathic tradition and, in my mind, is a very deserving candidate.”

Dr. Jones is a third-year Family Medicine Resident at the [**McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program**](#) in Florence, SC. He has maintained his leadership skills and community involvement by serving as the PGYII and PGYIII Chief Resident, as well as providing multiple lectures and skills labs for the VCOM Family Medicine Interest group.

While in residency, Dr. Jones furthered his passion for organized medicine by serving in multiple capacities in the [**South Carolina Medical Association**](#) Resident and Fellow Section and currently holds the position of RFS Delegate and Member at Large. He has co-authored multiple resolutions on subjects that include Pharmacy Benefit Manager gag clauses, COMLEX acceptance within SC residencies, and prevention of second-hand smoke exposure in minors. He also serves on several hospital executive level committees.



His leadership is evident in his state and national work with SCAFP member at large and serving. During his residency, Dr. Jones has developed his teaching skills with several conferences, and he now plans to devote his career to medical education as a full-time faculty member.

Dr. Jones has accepted a faculty position at the [**McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program**](#) in Florence, SC. He will continue to provide full-spectrum family medicine, to include OMT, to the Florence community, as well as serve as the Director of Osteopathic Education. To further his dedication to osteopathic medicine, he is pursuing both ABMS and AOA board certification.

About SCOMS

The South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society (SCOMS) is the voice for osteopathic medicine in the state of South Carolina. Membership is comprised of physicians, residents, medical students, and associates who have an unwavering passion for the osteopathic profession.

The purpose of SCOMS is to promote the osteopathic medicine profession and to provide valuable services to its members such as advocacy, networking opportunities, CME sessions to maintain compliance requirements, updates on legislative issues, and opportunities for research collaboration.

With nearly 2,000 DOs practicing across the state, SCOMS works tirelessly to advocate for these physicians and to promote a greater understanding of the osteopathic profession.

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