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The South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society Names Mackenzie Pargeon 2023 Student DO of the Year

Spartanburg, S.C. – The [South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society](https://www.scdos.org) presented Mackenzie Pargeon with its 2023 Student DO of the Year Award on June 8 at its Annual Meeting.

Mackenzie is a third-year medical student at the [Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Carolinas \(VCOM-Carolinas\)](https://www.vcom-carolinas.edu) in Spartanburg. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the [University of Georgia](https://www.universityofgeorgia.edu) in 2019.

This award honors a current DO student who exemplifies what it means to be an osteopathic physician; shows compassion, leadership, and enthusiasm for medicine; and demonstrates a strong commitment to philanthropic and community service.

She is a member of multiple organizations and received the Silver Touch Award for her commitment to service. She not only volunteers her time to her community but is committed to learning and conducting research.

She served as secretary for VCOM AOASM (Sports Medicine), is co-founder of the VCOM Carolinas Orthopedic Journal Club, and volunteers at St. Luke's Medical Clinic and Soldier's Angels.

She has been involved with many different research endeavors in her interest areas of orthopedics and rural medicine and has published several case reports involving orthopedics. Mackenzie has been involved in the concept and has been a valuable asset going through the IRB process for the research project, "Assessing Clinical Outcomes of Immediate Surgical versus Delayed Surgical Management of Trimalleolar Fractures in a Rural Setting."

Additionally, she presented at VCOM-Carolinas Research Day and published two clinical image articles in the Journal of American Academy of Emergency Physicians Open and The Journal of Osteopathic Medicine. In 2022, she was awarded First Place for Case Report Presentation at the National SOMA Research Symposium.

"Mackenzie is a reliable, motivated individual who is professional and pleasant to work with," said Dr. Lynn Campbell, associate professor and discipline chair of emergency medicine at VCOM-Carolinas. "She is



diligent on clinicals, is well liked by the patients and medical team, is a hard worker, and is described as an asset in clinic by her preceptors.”

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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