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Dr. Michelle Jones-Moon Named Resident of the Year by the South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society

Spartanburg, S.C. – The <u>South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society</u> (SCOMS) named Dr. Michelle Jones-Moon the 2022 Resident of the Year at its Annual Meeting last week at the <u>Edward Via College of</u> <u>Osteopathic Medicine - Carolinas.</u>

"The Resident of the Year Award honors a current Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine 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," said SCOMS President Dr. Ryan Hakimi, a Neurointensivist and the Director of the Neuro ICU and TCD Services at <u>Prisma Health-Upstate's Greenville Memorial Hospital</u>. "Dr. Michelle Jones-Moon has been described by her peers as an incredible representative of the osteopathic profession who leads not only by example, but also choosing the right times to speak up and stand up for what is right."

Being from northern Greenville County in South Carolina, Dr. Jones-Moon knew she wanted to find not only an osteopathic medical school but a family medicine residency program that would provide her with learning experiences she could use in her future practice.

"Growing up the importance of whole-body health in avoiding future complications was always emphasized by my family," said Dr. Moon-Jones. "Treating a person as a whole encompassing mind, body and spirit is how I knew I wanted to care for all of my future patients. Being able to use the skills I learn to not only treat diseases but prevent diseases and allow the body to heal as a whole is what lead me to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine."

Dr. Moon-Jones is currently in the Spartanburg Regional Family Medicine Residency Program where she serves as Chief Resident and has been a leader on multiple committees, research projects, and improvements in the residency. She leads both by example and by showing how someone can continue to care for herself and her family but also be a dedicated physician.

"Dr. Jones-Moon has exemplified the ideals of a family medicine physician," said Dr. Stefan Montgomery, the Attending Physician at the Spartanburg Regional Family Medicine Residency Program. "These include patient centeredness, conscientiousness, hard work, dedication, and leadership. She has a loyal patient following, completes wonderful documentation, and performs competent patient care with compassion."

Dr. Michelle Jones-Moon was given the chance to take part in the osteopathic site visit during her second year as a family medicine resident. This provided her with a voice to improve the osteopathic tract within the residency program allowing them to provide osteopathic care to patients more effectively. She also



completed a quality improvement project on patients that she performs osteopathic manipulative treatment. This project enabled her to change her approach to managing these patients more effectively with OMT.

Dr. Jones-Moon received her medical degree from the <u>Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine</u> - <u>Carolinas</u> in 2019. She received a bachelor's degree in biology from <u>Presbyterian College</u> in 2014.