

The J.O. Watson Award

Presented by the
Osteopathic Heritage Foundation
and the
Ohio Osteopathic Foundation

- The **J.O. Watson Award** will be presented each year at the Ohio Osteopathic Convention.
- A Committee composed of representatives of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation (OHF) and the Ohio Osteopathic Foundation (OOF) will select the J.O. Watson Award recipient. From OHF, the committee members will include the Board Chairman, the President /CEO and an osteopathic physician selected from the Board of Directors. From OOF, members will include the Board Chairman, the President/CEO and an osteopathic physician selected from the Board of Trustees.
- The Committee will identify potential awardees from candidates who have distinguished themselves through medical education or scientific endeavors that have resulted in the advancement of osteopathic healthcare, osteopathic medical education or research.

Candidates for the **J.O. Watson Award** will be well known through their healthcare, medical education and/or research accomplishments. Therefore, a formal nomination process will not be implemented. However, the Committee may seek input from agencies, colleges of osteopathic medicine, research entities, foundations or other osteopathic-supportive organizations.

- The award recipient will be invited and expected to present the Annual James O. Watson Memorial Lecture at the Ohio Osteopathic Convention. The recipient will select the specific lecture topic, although it is expected that the lecture will be related to the field of interest that led to selection of the J.O. Watson Award.

The recipient will be a sponsored guest at the Ohio Osteopathic Convention. Expenses related to travel, room and meals will be provided by the OOF. Sponsorship by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation will include a \$250 honorarium, made payable directly to the recipient, and a \$5,000 tribute that will be contributed by the Foundation, in honor of the recipient, to an osteopathic-supportive charity selected by the recipient. The charity will be an endowment, university or foundation that advances osteopathic healthcare, medical education or research.

- The James O. Watson Memorial Lecture will be presented on the Friday of the convention immediately prior to the AOA President's luncheon. Every effort will be made to avoid scheduling a conflicting session so that attendance is maximized.
- The lecture will be scheduled for no less than thirty minutes, with 15 minutes made available for a question / answer session.
- The recipient of the next year's J.O. Watson Award will be announced one year in advance at the end of the current year's lecture.