

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 to a medical educator or researcher in recognition of significant contributions to healthcare and the advancement of osteopathic medicine. This distinguished scholar, in the year of the selection, will present the **James O. Watson, D.O. Memorial Lecture** at the Ohio Osteopathic Convention.

The recipient of the **J.O. Watson Award** will be a funded and recognized guest at the Ohio Osteopathic Foundation conference. In addition, the recipient will select an osteopathic-supportive endowment, university or foundation to which a charitable contribution will be made in the recipient's honor.

A Committee composed of representatives of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and the Ohio Osteopathic Foundation will select the **J.O. Watson Award recipient**. 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, medical education or research.

J. O Watson, D.O., a graduate of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, was one of the several individuals who led the efforts in obtaining full practice rights for osteopathic physicians and was instrumental in the growth and recognition of the osteopathic profession in the state of Ohio. He was a founder of Doctors Hospital in Columbus where he was a respected surgeon and served as Chairman of the Division of Surgery. He was the first D.O. member of the Ohio State Medical Board, on which he served for nearly 30 years. During his career he received numerous honors and served on various professional and civic organization boards – locally, statewide and nationally. He believed in the science of osteopathic medicine, had deep respect for his patients and colleagues, and was an advocate for equality with distinction for the osteopathic physicians.

The **J.O. Watson Award** is established to commemorate Dr. Watson's exceptional career and the advances in osteopathic medicine for which he is responsible.