



Governor's Update

IOWA ACP GOVERNOR, KATHERINE I. HARRIS, MD, FACP

Happy May, Iowa ACP! My family is hoping that with the change over to May will come more predictable weather at soccer, softball, and baseball games. The constant question of “will it be 20 degrees colder or warmer out at the soccer fields?” MAY be easier to predict this month. MAYbe not. (My children would groan at that Mom joke and I would laugh hysterically.) We have had a busy last couple of months within our Iowa ACP and National ACP. At the end of March, we had our Council meeting in Des Moines and a social reception following at a wonderful restaurant called “Americana.” Thanks to the Des Moines locals who recommended this brunch that ranged from pancakes to grilled cheese to scotcheroos. A true gem. And thanks to those who attended - it’s always wonderful to meet up with colleagues from across the state to talk about family, friends, trips, and medicine.

In April, many of us headed East to Boston for the National ACP meeting! Our resident team from University of Iowa-Des Moines campus performed amazingly and, hopefully, had some fun while in Boston as well!



Our Chapter gathered for a reception at a fun place called “Spin” where we could play ping-pong, jumbo sized Uno, and chat. It’s always amazing and inspiring at the National Meeting to see the thousands(!) of internal medicine physicians moving between sessions, nerding out to the max, and enjoying every second. I felt right at home.



While at the National Meeting, we had the chance to celebrate the newest Fellows in our ACP group. We are so proud of you and happy to have you.

Congratulations to all the new FACP's!

Antonio J Sanchez, MD FACP

Wendy Fiordellisi, MD FACP

Matthew D Soltys, MD FACP

Adrianna C Shuey, DO FACP

Alpana Garg, MBBS FACP

Vijaya L Kankanala, MD FACP

Sunita Timilsina, MBBS FACP

Richard A Manfready, MD FACP

And, as a reminder, if you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a fellow, click below for details.

[Become a fellow](#)



Following the National Meeting, we had a webinar discussing the International Medical Graduate experience in obtaining Visas. Dr. Deepika, an ACP member and endocrinologist in Waterloo, put on an amazing talk and answered many questions from the audience. Thank you, Dr. Deepika, for sharing your experience and knowledge! If any members have topics or experiences you would like to talk about, please reach out to me at Katherine-i-harris@uiowa.edu and we can set up a time to talk!

In Memoriam

Dr. Thomas McIntosh, 86 of Bertram, Iowa died on January 31, 2024. We fondly remember Dr. McIntosh, who served as Governor to the Iowa chapter of ACP from 1995-1999. He left behind a legacy of dedication and service in the field of medicine. His memory continues to inspire many. To celebrate his

life and contributions, please visit his [memorial page](#).

Upcoming events

[Progress 2024: Learning Together in the 21st Century](#)

October 3-4 2024

Hyatt Regency Coralville, Coralville, IA

Sign up for Story Slam at Progress

One new event we are planning to coincide with the Fall Progress In Internal Medicine meeting is a Story Slam! These are events that celebrate storytelling by inviting participants to share brief (less than 5 minutes) stories with the audience. These stories can be wide ranging and here is a link to describes story slams in more detail: [Annals Story Slam Storytellers | ACP Online](#). Get your pencils and keyboards ready!

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