



IOWA MEDICAL SOCIETY
President's Reception 2021

Tonight's Honorees:



Dr. Milless is a pathologist and dermatopathologist at Iowa Pathology Associates in Des Moines and has the pleasure of serving patients and physicians throughout the state. She is also the Director of the Blood Bank at UnityPoint Methodist hospital. She attended the University of Notre Dame, majoring in Anthropology, and then received her MD from the University of Toledo College of Medicine. She completed her residency in anatomical and clinical pathology at Yale New Haven Hospital, and went on to complete a fellowship in dermatopathology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

She is board-certified in anatomical pathology, clinical pathology, and dermatopathology. In addition to her service on the IMS board since 2016, she also serves on the board of the Iowa Association of Pathologists and on the advisory boards of the White Coat Waste Project and the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Des Moines. She and her husband Eric are the proud parents of the world's smartest, cutest, two year old, and three naughty dogs.

Dr. Privett is an ophthalmologist at Iowa Eye Center in Cedar Rapids. He received his BS from Southeast Missouri State University, his MD from the University of Missouri, Columbia School of Medicine, and completed his ophthalmology residency at University of Iowa. In addition to his current role as IMS Past President, he is a Past President of the Iowa Academy of Ophthalmology and has served on the IMS board since 2013.



Former IMS Presidents:

2019 – Marygrace Elson, MD, MME
2018 – Michael Romano, MD, MHA, Council Bluffs
2017 – Joyce Vista-Wayne MD, DFAPA, Clive
2016 – Paul Mulhausen, MD, FACP, AGSF, West Des Moines
2015 – K. John Hartman, MD, FACS, Davenport
2014 – Jeff Maire, DO, FACOS, FACS, Des Moines
2013 – Victoria Sharp, MD, Iowa City
2012 – Robert Lee, MD, Johnston
2011 – Lawrence Hutchinson, MD, Dubuque
2010 – Timothy Kresowik, MD, Iowa City
2009 – Michael Kitchell, MD, Ames
2008 – Patricia Hoffmann, DO, Des Moines
2007 – James Hubbard, MD, Dubuque
2006 – Mariannette Miller-Meeks, MD, Ottumwa
2005 – Stephen Richards, DO, Algona
2004 – Charles Helms, MD, PhD, Iowa City
2003 – Thomas Evans, MD, PhD, Iowa City
2002 – Jose Angel, MD, Des Moines
2001 – F. Hunter Fuerste, MD, Dubuque
2000 – Sterling Laaveg, MD, Mason City
1999 – Siroos Shirazi, MD, Iowa City

About IMS:

IMS Core Purpose:

To assure the highest-quality health care in Iowa through our role as physician and patient advocate.

IMS Core Values:

The care of patients is the foundation of our profession. The physician-patient partnership is unique and essential for high-quality care. Freedom to practice the art and science of medicine professionally is essential.

IMS Vision:

To become the source of leadership and the preeminent voice of quality health care for Iowans. IMS will have unquestioned political strength. IMS will be the unquestioned voice for all physicians and patients. Every Iowa physician will feel an individual connection to the IMS. IMS will be a source of medical advocacy for public health, patients, and physicians. IMS will be an organization of highly-trained and skilled medical professionals.

Washington Freeman Peck Award

Given to a lay organization in honor of its outstanding contributions to public health.

EMBARC - The Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center (EMBARC) is recognized as a community advocate and support organization for refugee populations across Iowa. The IMS thanks EMBARC for their outstanding contributions to the public health.



This award is named after Dr. Washington Freeman Peck, the principal agent behind the establishment of the State University of Iowa Medical Department in Iowa City, the institutional forebear of the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

Past Awardees

2020: Accessibility for All

2019: Shelter House

2018: Iowa Radio Reading Information Service

2017: Kiwanis Miracle League at Principal Park

2016: Courage League Sports

John F. Sanford Award

Given to a lay person who has made outstanding contributions to public health or in the field of healthcare.

Meg Schaeffer, EdD – For excellent leadership, many accomplishments in her work, and for being an active voice and advocate for public health throughout the pandemic. Dr. Schaeffer has lent her expertise to local public health and the public to help make sense of COVID data.



Honors a layperson for contributions to public health or the field of health care. This award is named after the “father” of IMS, Dr. John F. Sanford, from Keokuk. The past awardees were:

Past Awardees

2020: Mary Kitchell & Kathy Lariviere

2018: Jeffrey Halverson, PRh, MBA

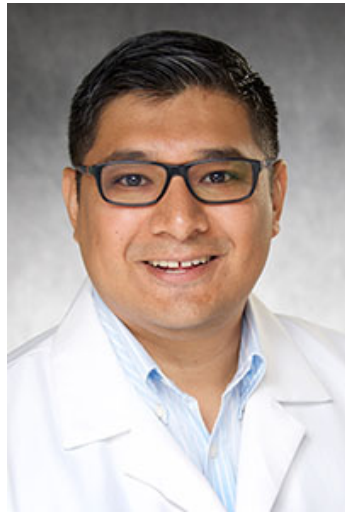
2017: Clare Kelly

2016: Michael Stoll

Award of Merit

Given to a physician who has made outstanding contributions to the medical profession and IMS.

Jorge Salinas, MD – For his exceptional involvement in the COVID-19 response, as part of the Infectious Disease Advisory Council (IDAC), as a physician champion with the University of Iowa Health Center system and surrounding community, and as an ardent champion for health equity.



Given to an IMS member physician who has served the IMS and the medical profession with distinction. The past awardees were:

Past Awardees

2020: Fadi Yacoub, MD

2019: Douglas Steenblock, MD

2018: Doug Dormer, MD

2017: Hamed Tewfik, MD

2016: Lauris Kaldjian, MD

IMS/COPIC Humanitarian Award

Given to a physician who has made outstanding contributions to the community.

Selden Spencer, MD – For his incredible work as a volunteer at the Ames Free Clinic, Food at First, Living Waters of the World, and various medical missions.



Presented each year to a physician in Iowa for volunteer medical services and contributions to their community through principles focused on human dignity, social justice, and compassion. This award specifically looks to recognize those individuals who unassumingly volunteer outside of the spectrum of their day to day lives.

Past Awardees

2020: James Bell, MD

2019: Katherine Imborek, MD & Nicole Nisly, MD

2018: Jennifer Groos, MD

2017: Richard Demming, MD

2016: Christopher Buresh, MD

Congratulations and welcome
Dr. Tiffani Milless
as incoming
Iowa Medical Society president



Thank you
Dr. Brian Privett
for your service as
Iowa Medical Society president



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