

# DISTINGUISHED AWARDEES

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THE ACC DISTINGUISHED AWARDS WERE ESTABLISHED TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSION. On the pages that follow, you will find citations describing the contributions made by each of this year's awardees.

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### PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

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Rick A. Nishimura, MD, MACC  
*Rochester, MN*

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Antonio M. Gotto, Jr, MD, DPhil, FACC  
*New York, NY*

### DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP AWARD

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Gerard R. Martin, MD, FACC  
*Washington, DC*

### DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD (BASIC DOMAIN)

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Cam Patterson, MD, FACC  
*New York, NY*

### DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD (CLINICAL DOMAIN)

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Mark A. Hlatky, MD, FACC  
*Stanford, CA*

### DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD (TRANSLATIONAL DOMAIN)

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Jagat Narula, MD, DM, PhD, MACC  
*New York, NY*

### DOUGLAS P. ZIPES DISTINGUISHED YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

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Reza Ardehali, MD, PhD  
*Los Angeles, CA*

### DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

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Robert J. Siegel, MD, FACC  
*Los Angeles, CA*

### GIFTED EDUCATOR AWARD

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Chittur A. Sivaram, MBBS, FACC  
*Calumet, OK*

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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Michael W. Rich, MD, FACC  
*St. Louis, MO*

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

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Mehdi Ali Qamar, MBBS, FACC  
*Pinkerington, OH*

### DISTINGUISHED MENTOR AWARD

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Douglas L. Mann, MD, FACC  
*St. Louis, MO*

### DISTINGUISHED ASSOCIATE AWARD

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Rhonda Cooper-DeHoff, PharmD, FACC  
*Gainesville, FL*

### BERNADINE HEALY LEADERSHIP IN WOMEN'S CV DISEASE AWARD

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Nanette K. Wenger, MD, MACC  
*Atlanta, GA*

# DISTINGUISHED AWARDEE CITATIONS

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RICK A. NISHIMURA, MD, MACC

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## *Presidential Citation*

A beloved mentor, an exceptional clinician, and a significant contributor to the field of cardiovascular medicine, Dr. Rick A. Nishimura exemplifies the qualities required to be awarded the ACC Presidential Citation. He is an incredibly deserving recipient of this prestigious award.

Dr. Nishimura is an internationally acclaimed master educator who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the College to establish novel educational programs and products with special emphasis on interactive learning, continuous professional development and methods of multi-media distribution.

A strong champion and advocate for Fellows-in-Training and early career professionals, he has created pathways by which our younger colleagues can enhance their teaching skills and move rapidly up the ranks of ACC faculty. This is evidenced by the more than 125 graduates of the Emerging Faculty Program who have directly benefited from his mentoring.

In addition to his work as a mentor, Dr. Nishimura has also been a key contributor to the ACC's digital strategy. He has served as the driving force behind current efforts to modernize clinical practice guidelines and provide easily accessible recommendations to the clinician at the point of care.

Dr. Nishimura has also made an admirable impact on the academic community. He currently holds the position of co-chair of the 2014 ACC/AHA Guidelines on Management of Patients with Valvular Heart Disease, and has contributed more than 300 publications to medical literature over his career.

Dr. Nishimura is a master clinician—the cardiologist's cardiologist—and he continues to pursue knowledge in a wide variety of interests, ranging from invasive hemodynamics to doppler echocardiography, diastology, valvular heart disease, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, pericardial disease and adult congenital heart disease.

Dr. Nishimura is among a very elite group of the College's finest role models whose selfless devotion to its mission is driven by his unwavering commitment to patients and our community.

**Patrick T. O'Gara, MD, FACC**

## ANTONIO M. GOTTO, JR, MD, DPHIL, FACC

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### *Lifetime Achievement Award*

As one of the pioneers who transformed the field of lipoproteins and atherosclerosis from an esoteric academic topic to mainstream clinical practice, Antonio M. Gotto, Jr, MD, DPhil, FACC is truly deserving of this year's Lifetime Achievement Award.

His accomplishments have impacted cardiovascular medicine on a global scale, and advanced our understanding and management of cholesterol in the treatment and prevention of heart disease.

Dr. Gotto built one of the world's finest research programs in lipids during his time at Baylor College of Medicine's Specialized Center for Cardiovascular Research in Arteriosclerosis from 1971 to 1996, where he served as chairman. His work has been important in understanding the structure and function of apoB in lipid-modifying therapy.

He was also deeply involved in three major primary prevention trials—LRC-CPPT, AFCAPS/TexCAPS, and JUPITER—which provided critical evidence of the benefits of treating individuals with high LDL-C, mildly increased LDL-C and low HDL-C, and low LDL-C and high hs-CRP.

Dr. Gotto has been president of the American Heart Association and the International Atherosclerosis Society, and has spoken at every major medical meeting throughout the world on lipids and prevention of heart disease. He has been a member of the Institute of Medicine since 1991.

On a personal level, Tony has been a great mentor, friend and colleague, and an extraordinary role model for a balance between professional excellence and family life.

Dr. Gotto is indeed the rare individual with an extraordinary record of scholarship throughout his life, including a Rhodes scholarship, basic and clinical research, education and administration. He has made a global impact and major contributions to the field of preventive cardiology, and to the reduction of pain, suffering and death from atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

Christie M. Ballantyne, MD, FACC

## GERARD R. MARTIN, MD, FACC

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### *Distinguished Fellowship Award*

Gerard Martin, MD, FACC is recognized across the College and among the congenital heart disease community as a loyal and tireless champion of the ACC's ability to improve clinical outcomes in cardiovascular care. Through his vision, charisma, intelligence, interpersonal skills and perseverance he has also transformed the ACC into a true "home" for the pediatric and adult congenital cardiologist, and for the entire care delivery team. He is truly deserving of this year's Distinguished Fellowship Award.

Dr. Martin has advanced the College's mission through service on the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees. Additionally, he was the driving force in creating

the highly productive Adult Congenital and Pediatric Cardiology Council and Section. Through his vision and leadership as its chair, the Section, led by its Council, has grown in size and scope, becoming a model for ACC Member Section success. Their accomplishments in education, advocacy, science and quality under his leadership have been impressive.

Dr. Martin has worked ceaselessly to transform congenital heart disease into a cohesive community. He helped to found the NCDR IMPACT Registry<sup>®</sup>, spearheaded a multi-society effort to establish adult congenital heart disease as an independent specialty, and translated his research in critical congenital heart disease at Children's National Medical Center to a national legislative agenda among other accomplishments.

Throughout his career within the College, Dr. Martin has learned and applied leadership lessons. During his service on the ACC Board of Governors, he recognized the power of engaging ACC volunteers year-round to advance the cardiology profession. During his tenure as the ACPC Section Chair, he inspired numerous Section members to recognize the College as a national and international leader in science, education and quality.

For his ever optimistic approach, his vision and his unparalleled devotion to the American College of Cardiology, I am delighted to present Gerard Martin as the recipient of ACC's Distinguished Fellow Award.

Kathy J. Jenkins, MD, MPH, FACC

## CAM PATTERSON, MD, FACC

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### *Distinguished Scientist Award (Basic Domain)*

Dr. Cam Patterson is a distinguished researcher and clinician who has made tremendous impacts in his field. He is currently located at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill-Cornell Medical Center, where he presides as both the senior vice president and the chief operating officer.

Prior to his current role, he served in a multitude of positions at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, including the physician-in-chief for the Center for Heart and Vascular Care, chief of the division of cardiology, and director of the McAllister Heart Institute.

Dr. Patterson has made great strides in a wide range of research interests, including angiogenesis and vascular development, cardiac hypertrophy, protein quality control and translational genomics and metabolomics. Some of his notable contributions include the characterization of the role of ubiquitin ligases and protein quality control mechanisms in cardiac structure and function; the discovery of transcriptional and signaling mechanisms that determine endothelial cell specification; and the discovery and biochemical characterization of stress-dependent ubiquitin ligases such as CHIP.

In addition to being an accomplished researcher, Dr. Patterson is also an entrepreneur. He is the founder of two biotechnology companies: Enci Therapeutics, a research group developing therapies for cancer, heart disease and inflammatory disorders; and Clavé Biodesign, which develops peptide-based technologies to provide solutions to diseases

with angiogenic components. He is also an established investigator of the American Heart Association, a recipient of the Judah Folkman Award in Vascular Biology, a Burroughs Wellcome Fund Clinical Scientist in Translational Research and a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

Dr. Patterson's extensive list of accomplishments is evidence of the outstanding contributions he has made to the study of cardiovascular disease. Through his work, he has set himself apart as a distinguished scientist, and he is certainly deserving of this award.

John P. Cooke, MD, FACC

## MARK A. HLATKY, MD, FACC

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### *Distinguished Scientist Award (Clinical Domain)*

Dr. Mark Hlatky has been an innovator in the field of patient-centered outcomes research for over 30 years. He has been instrumental in exploring the comparative effectiveness of most of the innovative cardiovascular technologies that have achieved widespread use over the last several decades and as such is a deserving recipient of this year's Distinguished Scientist Award in the Clinical Domain.

Dr. Hlatky's early work included the creation of the Duke Activity Status Index (DASI). Because of its combination of scientific rigor and efficiency, this revolutionary system has been employed as a patient-centered outcome measure in cardiovascular clinical trials throughout the world.

He was also a pioneer in the effort to get cardiovascular physicians, trialists and policy makers to integrate economic and quality of life endpoints into mainstream use in pivotal multicenter clinical trials. His work with the NHLBI BARI trial, demonstrated the feasibility and utility of including these endpoints in a large complex multicenter trial. This was a significant catalyst for the NHLBI to accept, and then later expect, the inclusion of these critical endpoints, and now, as a result, the practice is widespread.

He has made significant contributions at the public policy level through the development of decision models that synthesize the best evidence in key areas to examine the consequences of treatment strategies. Dr. Hlatky has published insightful analyses on topics as diverse as using implantable cardiac defibrillators, pre-operative coronary revascularization, transcatheter aortic valve replacement, genetic testing and cardiac risk assessment.

Dr. Hlatky has made many tremendous contributions to the field, however, his most influential contribution has been his exceptional mentoring during his years at Stanford. To his colleagues and students, he is inspiring, motivating and unselfish. He exemplifies what a senior in academia should. He works to support and develop the next generation of leaders to continue our progress in the cause of advancing human health free from cardiovascular diseases.

Daniel B. Mark, MD, MPH, FACC

## JAGAT NARULA, MD, DM, PHD, MACC

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### *Distinguished Scientist Award (Translational Domain)*

Internationally recognized as one of the leading experts in advanced cardiovascular imaging, Dr. Jagat Narula is incredibly deserving of this year's Distinguished Scientist Award for Translational Investigation.

Throughout his career, Dr. Narula has been on the cutting edge of his field. He was among the first to demonstrate the relevance of apoptosis in human cardiovascular disease, including end-stage heart failure and coronary atherosclerosis. His seminal contributions helped clarify our understanding of the basic pathophysiologic mechanisms by which apoptosis contributes to overt cardiovascular diseases. He subsequently developed revolutionary imaging techniques for assessing the activity of apoptosis in clinical diseases.

Dr. Narula was also among the earliest investigators to pioneer molecular cardiovascular imaging techniques, with specific work in targeted molecular probes, the inclusion of antimyosin antibodies for the detection of myocyte injury in the setting of acute myocardial infarction and myocarditis; the detection of HLA class II antigen upregulation during active cardiac transplant rejection; and specific agents to image annexin in cardiovascular diseases.

In addition to his impressive contributions in molecular imaging, Dr. Narula has had a longstanding interest in rheumatic heart disease and is recognized as one of the major world experts on this topic.

Dr. Narula has contributed over 1,000 original scientific publications and edited 35 books and journal supplements. His expertise and contributions have been recognized through his selection as editor-in-chief of *JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging*. He was identified as one of the five key innovators by the ACC in 2012 and has also been honored as a Master of the College. Currently chair of cardiology and director of cardiovascular imaging at the Mt. Sinai Zena and Michael A. Wiener Cardiovascular Institute, Dr. Narula exemplifies the very best of translational scientists, and few individuals have done as much to promote the rapid translation of experimental imaging studies to direct patient care.

G. William Dec, MD

## REZA ARDEHALI, MD, PHD

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### *Douglas P. Zipes Distinguished Young Scientist Award*

As this year's recipient of the Douglas P. Zipes Distinguished Young Scientist Award, Dr. Reza Ardehali is an exemplary clinician-scientist who has made significant contributions in the field of regenerative cardiovascular medicine.

After gaining his PhD from the University of Utah and his MD from Emory University, Dr. Ardehali completed his residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital followed by clinical training in cardiology at Stanford University, where he then spent several years in Irving Weissman's laboratory performing research in the area of stem cell biology and regenerative medicine. In 2012, he joined the faculty of the division of cardiology and

heart failure program at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, achieving impressive success at an early stage of his career as an investigator who has questioned conventional thoughts with creative research approaches.

Dr. Ardehali's main area of research is cardiovascular development and regenerative therapies for heart disease. He has garnered a reputation for using novel technologies and methods in his work with cardiomyocytes during development and the engraftment and maturation of human embryonic stem cells when transplanted in large animal models.

His discoveries have contributed significantly to our current understanding of cardiovascular development and are setting the stage for future therapeutic interventions. His groundbreaking work has resulted in a number of seminal reports, including publications in *PNAS*, *Nature Biotechnology*, *Circulation Research* and *Circulation*, among others.

In addition to his outstanding research, Dr. Ardehali is a skilled clinician, a gifted teacher and an inspirational mentor and role model to students, residents and cardiology fellows. He is a genuine "triple threat" as a physician-scientist who is destined to become a leader in his field. As such, he richly deserves this year's Douglas P. Zipes Distinguished Young Scientist Award.

James M. Weiss, MD, FACC

## ROBERT J. SIEGEL, MD, FACC

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### *Distinguished Teacher Award*

Since the beginning of his career as an educator, Dr. Robert J. Siegel has consistently been an exceptional educator and mentor for his students, and a reliable colleague and friend to his fellow educators. The impact he has made makes him a truly deserving recipient of this year's Distinguished Teacher Award.

As a current professor of medicine at both Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and UCLA, Dr. Siegel is a constant leader. He holds the Kennamer Endowed Chair in Cardiac Ultrasound at Cedars-Sinai, and has been the director of the cardiac noninvasive laboratory at Cedars-Sinai in the division of cardiology/heart institute since 1993. More recently, he has assumed the additional role of director of cardiology/heart institute grand rounds.

Over the years, Dr. Siegel has made his mark, not only as an outstanding echocardiographer and ultrasound specialist, but also as a gifted clinician, a master teacher and a productive clinical investigator with many firsts to his credit. While his achievements in these areas are monumental, what truly separates Dr. Siegel from the pack is his unique position as a superb role model. Dr. Siegel has been a guide, a confidant and a caring and skilled mentor to numerous students and fellows who have worked with him at the bedside, the laboratory and in his research endeavors.

Dr. Siegel has an uncanny ability to inspire and motivate young people to do their best and leads by example. He has trained numerous echocardiographers and clinicians, and has influenced countless others in a positive and encouraging way.

Over the past 20 years, he has mentored over 24 fellows from around the world—many of whom now hold leadership roles in their countries of origin due their enhanced stature after having worked with Dr. Siegel.

Dr. Siegel serves as the supreme example of excellence as an educator and he is an incredibly deserving recipient of the ACC 2015 Distinguished Teacher Award.

Prediman K. Shah, MD, FACC

## CHITTUR A. SIVARAM, MBBS, FACC

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### *Gifted Educator Award*

Dr. C.A. Sivaram has served as an academic pillar in cardiovascular medicine. A portion of his myriad achievements include being the David Ross Boyd Professor of Medicine, vice-chief of the cardiovascular section for education/training, associate dean for continuing professional development, and the director of echocardiography at The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). He has also held the position of director of the adult cardiovascular disease fellowship training program at OUHSC since 1995, where he has experienced several successful accreditation cycles.

Prior to his years at OUHSC, Dr. Sivaram was located at Texas Tech, where he received many outstanding teaching awards and was given the president's clinical science teaching excellence award, all over the course of ten years.

Across his career, Dr. Sivaram has worked at multiple institutions, but his positive impact on the students and faculty remains constant. He garnered ten outstanding teaching awards during his tenure at OUHSC, and was named a presidential professor on three occasions. In 1999, he was honored as the Stanton L. Young Master Teacher; he received the Edgar Young Lifetime Teaching Achievement Award in 2010, and he has mentored over 70 cardiology fellows over the years.

He has served as an exemplary president for the Oklahoma Chapter of the ACC, and has chaired the chapter scientific meeting for a decade. As with most areas of his work, his annual chapter sessions are largely successful, always receiving high ratings for their quality and content. However, his work for the ACC extends far beyond his state chapter. He has been chair of ACC's fellowship training and workforce committee for six years, and served as member on numerous committees and councils.

Dr. Sivaram's contributions to our community of cardiologists have been invaluable, and he is an exceptionally deserving recipient of this award.

Dwight W. Reynolds, MD, FACC

## MICHAEL W. RICH, MD, FACC

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### *Distinguished Service Award*

ACC's Distinguished Service Awardee is defined as a person who has made profound, individual contributions to medicine and the delivery of health care. For his service in the field of geriatric cardiology and his service to the ACC, Dr. Michael Rich is a shining example of one such physician.

As a pioneer in the field of geriatric cardiology, Dr. Rich has accomplished much. He has been a member of the ACC since 1987 and a member of its Geriatric Cardiology Section (GCS) Leadership Council since its inception in 2009. Dr. Rich has served as the GCS co-chair, and currently serves as senior advisor of the research work group. During his time as a GCS member, he has secured two funding awards from the Association of Subspecialty Professors and from GEMSTAR, both of which helped to strengthen geriatric cardiology within the College.



His seminal paper in *NEJM* in 1995 was a catalyst for a multidisciplinary team-based approach to caring for older CVD patients, and became a forerunner to ACC's Hospital to Home program.

In 2014, Dr. Rich was honored with the American Geriatric Society's Edward Henderson Award. Typically given to a geriatrician who has performed outstanding work in clinical care, the award stands as a testament to his ability to bridge the gap between geriatrics and cardiology specialties.

Dr. Rich has been an outstanding mentor to countless individuals whom have benefited from his guidance and counsel. He often co-authors publications with past students and many of his former mentees comprise the leadership of geriatric cardiology in the US.

Dr. Rich has been at the forefront of individualized, patient-centered, decision making that relies on the latest scientific evidence, coupled with compassionate care. These fundamental principles now underlie geriatric cardiology, and have become an integral part of the American College of Cardiology.

Mathew Maurer, MD, FACC

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## MEHDI ALI QAMAR, MBBS, FACC

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### *International Service Award*

For his selfless devotion to delivering cardiovascular care to those most in need, the ACC recognizes Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar as this year's recipient of the ACC's International Service Award.

Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar was a distinguished cardiologist, Fellow of the ACC and practicing cardiologist at Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster, Ohio. Born on Sept. 23, 1963, in Rabwah, a city in Pakistan's Punjab region, Dr. Qamar was committed to medicine and helping those in need from an early age. As a teenager he, along with two friends, took it upon themselves to raise funds to start and build Rabwah's first blood bank, which still stands today. Dr. Qamar eventually travelled to Canada to study medicine and settled in Ohio as a practicing cardiologist.

In addition to his practice, Dr. Qamar would travel regularly back to Rabwah for weeks at a time to visit family and volunteer at the Tahir Heart Institute, which provides free medical care to the area's poor who are mostly members of the persecuted Ahmadi population.

On May 26, 2014, Dr. Qamar travelled back to Rabwah, and was assassinated in a targeted killing for providing medical care at the Rabwah clinic. His assassination was intended not just to harm him and his family, but to dissuade future doctors from traveling to Pakistan to treat Ahmadi patients who are badly in need of medical treatment. Dr. Qamar was 50.

The International Service Award recognizes an FACC who, through his or her outstanding contributions to cardiovascular medicine and science, has significantly enhanced cardiovascular care throughout the world. Dr. Qamar exemplifies these principles through his sacrifice. The ACC is deeply saddened by his tragic death, and is hopeful that through this recognition it can, in some small way, bring light to the heroic life of Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar.

Dr. Qamar is survived by his wife Wajiha and his sons Abdullah, Hashim and Ashar.

Patrick T. O'Gara, MD, FACC and Khurram Moin, MD

## DOUGLAS L. MANN, MD, FACC

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### *Distinguished Mentor Award*

As one of the most renowned cardiologists of our era, Dr. Douglas Mann has distinguished himself as a legendary mentor in cardiology. Throughout his years as a dedicated and selfless leader, Dr. Mann has paved the way for many physicians, scientists and trainees to follow in his footsteps and earn leadership roles in academic and cardiovascular medicine. As such, he is a very deserving recipient for the Distinguished Mentor Award.

Dr. Mann has made great contributions in the advancement of cardiovascular disease, both in his personal practice and through the enduring contributions made by his mentees in a variety of cardiovascular disciplines, including heart failure, preventive cardiology, electrophysiology, interventional cardiology, cardiometabolic disorders and pediatric cardiology.

His unique and genuine style of leadership is characterized by his ability to recognize enthusiasm and catalyze it to the fullest potential. He individualizes guidance according to the mentee's strengths, and provides insightful and constructive feedback. His unwavering lifelong investment in the prolonged success of his trainees is made evident by their numerous achievements, endorsements for academic promotions and held leadership roles.

Dr. Mann demonstrates many personal qualities of the consummate mentor. He leads by example, always acting with integrity, and demonstrating professionalism and sincere dedication to his trainees and mentees. His leadership and vision in cardiovascular disease are evident through his expertise and commitment, his ability to educate a variety of learners ranging from students to practicing cardiologists and his talent for instilling academic excellence in his peers.

While Dr. Mann's abundant scientific and academic contributions have been paramount to the field of cardiology, his gift as a mentor is his greatest contribution. Dr. Mann embodies the criteria for this prestigious award in every way, and the path to successful academic mentorship should be modeled after his legacy.

**Biykem Bozkurt, MD, PhD, FACC**

## RHONDA COOPER-DEHOFF, PHARM.D, FACC

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### *Distinguished Associate Award*

Throughout her career, Dr. Rhonda Cooper-DeHoff has been a pioneer for pharmacist members at the American College of Cardiology. She is the epitome of professionalism, an extraordinary role model for the entire cardiovascular care team and a deserving recipient of the Distinguished Associate Award.

Dr. Cooper-DeHoff is funded by the National Institute of Health to study pharmacotherapy as it relates to antihypertensive drugs, and she has successfully published a number of impactful research papers in high-level cardiovascular journals. Her research is aimed at generating data that offers an understanding of the impact of antihypertensive therapy with regard to metabolic effects in high-risk populations.

In addition to her contributions through research, Dr. Cooper-DeHoff has also played a crucial role in establishing pharmacists as a membership category within the ACC. She has been an integral member of the Nurse Education Committee where she has been a member

since 2007. During that time, she was nominated as a cardiovascular team (CVT) liaison for the state of Florida, sat on the CVT liaison work group, the team-based education working group, and the prestigious Annual Scientific Session program committee. Most recently, she agreed to participate in the Emerging Faculty Program which is instrumental in developing our future scientific leaders.

At the 2010 ACC Scientific Session, Dr. Cooper-DeHoff became the first pharmacist to receive the distinction of Fellow of the ACC, and since then, she has continued to pave the way for pharmacist's integration into the College by advocating for increased access to quality, evidence-based learning and educational credits for pharmacists.

The ACC has greatly benefited from Dr. Cooper-DeHoff's participation across multiple domains, and the success of her career indicates that she will continue to be a vital member of the ACC, the pharmacy community, and the field of cardiology as a whole, for years to come.

Margo B. Minissian, PhD, ACNP, AACC

## NANETTE K. WENGER, MD, MACC

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### *Bernadine Healy Leadership in Women's Cardiovascular Disease Award*

Dr. Nanette Wenger's decades of leadership have broadly impacted the practice of cardiology in many areas. Her work was "interdisciplinary" before this came into fashion, and her wide-ranging interests, ability to integrate information from a wide variety of perspectives, and her drive to translate findings into practical knowledge have had a sweeping impact on the practice as a whole. It's this impact that makes her a most deserving recipient of this distinguished award.

Her leadership in the Coronary Drug Project is a testimony to her insight and ability to think outside the box, and her service on National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment panels has aided in the saving of countless lives.

Dr. Wenger was one of the first investigators to call attention to the "silent" epidemic of heart disease in women. Although the data was clear that heart disease had been, and remains, a leading health care threat for women, this topic was not commonly recognized prior to Dr. Wenger's work. Rather, it was primarily referenced as a minority issue or "special population" category, despite women making up 51% of the population.

A leader in large hormone clinical trials, as well as the newly crafted, female-specific heart disease prevention and treatment guidelines, Dr. Wenger's work has resulted in a turning of the tide in this now widely recognized epidemic. As a result, the latest AHA report displays dropping death rates for women.

Dr. Wenger's leadership in the area of cardiac rehabilitation has impacted clinical care and saved numerous lives. She performed the sentinel research in the area, served as the chair of the World Health Organization Expert Committee on Rehabilitation After Cardiovascular Disease, and also co-chaired the guideline panel on Cardiac Rehabilitation for the US Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

Dr. Wenger's insightful approach to cardiac disease management revolutionized the practice, and her ideas and research have stood the test of time.

C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD, FACC

## GREGORY J. DEHMER, MD, FACC

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### *Master of the American College of Cardiology*

The distinction of the MACC designation is in recognition of distinguished College service, combined with leadership on College programs and committees, and excellence in education, clinical practice and scholarship. Dr. Greg Dehmer wears this mantle incredibly well for the College, and his sustained contributions have helped define the whole field of quality improvement for the interventional cardiologist.

As leader of the ACC's public reporting initiative through the NCDR®, Dr. Dehmer's skills have been of paramount importance in determining performance and outcomes suitable for public reporting, overseeing communications for FACC, and analyzing and recruiting the appropriate NCDR public reporting external partners.

Dr. Dehmer has played a pivotal role for the College's Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) for coronary revascularization, creating the clinical scenarios and the now famous AUC revascularization tables used daily around the country. He is constantly improving the AUC revascularization document itself while educating our membership of the science of AUC.

As chief of cardiology at Scott & White Hospital, Dr. Dehmer has built their program to be a national leader for cardiovascular quality. In addition, he has authored nearly 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts, multiple book chapters and is a senior editor for ACC's CathSAP®.

Dr. Dehmer offers wisdom and sage counsel as a sitting member of the FDA Cardiovascular Device Advisory Panel, and his past role as president of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) and recent term on the ACC Board of Trustees, provides both ACC and SCAI with a tremendous bridge for intra-societal collaboration.

Dr. Dehmer has a selfless demeanor, combined with measured and grounded values and impeccable ethics. These attributes are further matched by his brilliance, legendary reliability and superlative writing skills. These admirable traits along with his distinguished College service, leadership and excellence in education, clinical practice and scholarship, clearly merit the well-deserved award of Master of the American College of Cardiology.

**Ralph Brindis, MD, MPH, MACC**

## PREDIMAN K. SHAH, MD, FACC

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### *Master of the American College of Cardiology*

For Dr. Prediman K. Shah's immense contributions to the field of cardiovascular medicine and to the College, he is a very deserving recipient of the honor of Master of the American College of Cardiology (MACC). Dr. Shah has consistently supported the ACC, including his most recent role as the chair of the 2014 Annual Scientific Session.

Dr. Shah received his premedical degree from Sri Pratap College in his hometown of Srinagar, Kashmir, India. He also received his medical degree from Medical College in Srinagar and completed an internship at SMHS Hospital before moving on to New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences for a residency in neurology. After a fellowship in cardiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine-Montefiore, Medical Center, he came to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in 1976.

Dr. Shah is the founding director of the Atherosclerosis Prevention and Treatment Center and of the Oppenheimer Atherosclerosis Research Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and holds the Shapell and Webb Family Chair in Clinical Cardiology at Cedars-Sinai. He is professor of medicine and cardiology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute.

Dr. Shah has published over 650 articles, reviews, editorials, book chapters and abstracts since 1976 in important journals, including *JACC*, on diverse topics related to clinical research and basic science research. He has also edited three books on heart disease.

His excellence in education, research, clinical practice and scholarship has been acknowledged with many awards both within and outside the ACC. It is a rare individual who has used his gifts so effectively as a clinician and educator for the benefit of society. Dr. Shah is such an individual. For his outstanding career in clinical cardiology and years of service, teaching, and clinical research mentoring generations of cardiovascular trainees, he warrants the designation of Master of the ACC.

John Gordon Harold, MD, MACC

## CLYDE W. YANCY, MD, FACC

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### *Master of the American College of Cardiology*

Dr. Clyde Yancy stands out amongst his peers as a gifted clinician, educator, investigator and mentor. He has shown remarkable commitment to the College by serving in numerous roles. For his commitment to the College and for his global leadership in cardiovascular medicine, Dr. Yancy is a deserving recipient of the Master of the American College of Cardiology designation.

Dr. Yancy currently acts as the chair for the ACC/AHA/HRS Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death Writing Committee. He served with distinction on the Advisory Council to the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and is the immediate past chair of the FDA Cardiovascular Devices Panel.

Dr. Yancy, a past-president of the American Heart Association, has distinguished himself as a pillar of leadership in the cardiovascular community, and this is certainly reflected in his long list of contributions and accolades.

Along with serving as the Magerstadt Professor of Medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Dr. Yancy is also chief of cardiology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He is a prolific author, currently serving as section editor for *JACC* and associate editor of *ACCEL*; an articulate and provocative speaker, and an enthusiastic educator. His extensive expertise in teaching heart failure treatment is matched by his passion for addressing the nation's health care priorities, including quality of care, workforce diversity and health care disparities.

Dr. Yancy has been recognized for his vision, leadership and scientific achievements with numerous national awards, including Physician of the Year, the Distinguished National Leadership Award, the Cardiologists-In-Training Hero Award of the Association of Black Cardiologists; and the Charles Richard Drew Award of the National Minority Quality Forum.

Dr. Yancy is held in the highest regard and admiration by all who have had the privilege of working with him. As a global leader in cardiovascular disease, with substantial and sustained contributions to the missions of the ACC, he is highly deserving of the designation Master of the American College of Cardiology.

Robert O. Bonow, MD, MS, FACC  
*64 Annual Convocation*

## PATRICK T. O'GARA, MD, FACC

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### *Master of the American College of Cardiology*



For his years of service and contributions to the field of cardiovascular medicine, and for his year of dedicated service to the College as ACC president, Dr. O'Gara is a very deserving recipient of the honor of Master of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. O'Gara is the director of clinical cardiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. His clinical activities and research interests center on patients with valvular heart disease, complex coronary artery disease, aortic disease and other structural heart diseases. Since 2001, he has been named annually among the Top Doctors in Boston and the US. He has received the Eugene Braunwald Clinical Teaching Award from the BWH Cardiovascular Division fellows and also received the Department of Medicine Mentoring Award.

Dr. O'Gara is the past co-chair of the ACC's 2012 Scientific Session program committee and has co-directed the ACC Board Review Course for Certification and Recertification for the past decade. He served as chair of the American Heart Association's (AHA) Council on Clinical Cardiology from 2003-2005 and as editor of *Heart Insight* magazine from 2006 to 2011. In 2011, he received the Paul Dudley White Award from the Boston Division of the AHA Founder's Affiliate and the Laennec Master Clinician Award. In 2012, he was honored with the Laennec Clinician Educator Award. Dr. O'Gara was chair of the writing committee for the 2013 ACC/AHA Guideline for the Management of ST-Elevation MI and has participated in several other guideline, expert consensus, scientific advisory and appropriate use criteria writing groups.

Dr. O'Gara currently serves as the steering committee co-chair of the NHLBI Cardiothoracic Surgery network, a research consortium of academic surgical centers performing randomized, proof-of-concept surgical trials in patients with valvular heart disease, atrial fibrillation, coronary artery disease and heart failure.



THIS YEAR, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY WELCOMES KIM ALLAN WILLIAMS, SR, MD, FACC AS OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT. He will serve as president March 2015-March 2016. We invite you to learn more about him below.

## KIM ALLAN WILLIAMS, SR, MD, FACC

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### *President-Elect*

Williams received his undergraduate degree at the University of Chicago, followed by medical school at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at Emory University, and overlapping fellowships in cardiology, clinical pharmacology, and nuclear medicine at the University of Chicago. He is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases, nuclear medicine, nuclear cardiology and cardiovascular computed tomography.

Williams joined the faculty of the University of Chicago in 1986. He served as professor of medicine and radiology and director of nuclear cardiology at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine until 2010, when he became the Dorothy Susan Timmis Endowed Professor and chair of the division of cardiology at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, MI.

In 2013, Williams assumed the position of James B. Herrick Professor and chief of the division of cardiology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL.

Williams has served on numerous committees and boards at the national level, including the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC), the American Heart Association, the American Medical Association (AMA), the Certifying Board of Nuclear Cardiology, the Certifying Board of Cardiac Computed Tomography, the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography and the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC).

He served as President of ASNC from 2004 to 2005 and as Chairman of the Board of ABC from 2008 to 2010. He also served on the Cardiovascular Disease Examination Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine from 2006 to 2012.

Prior to becoming president of the ACC, Williams served as chair to the following groups at ACC: the Cardiac Imaging Committee, the Cardiovascular Imaging Collaborative, the Coalition of Cardiovascular Organizations and the Cardiac Imaging Council. He has also been an ACC delegate to the AMA since 2000.

# DISTINGUISHED AWARDEES FROM PAST TO PRESENT

## DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP AWARD

<i>David B. Carmichael, MD</i>	1994
<i>Robert L. Frye, MD</i>	1995
<i>John F. Williams Jr, MD</i>	1996
<i>Gottlieb C. Friesinger, II, MD</i>	1997
<i>Thomas J. Ryan, MD</i>	1998
<i>Roman W. DeSanctis, MD</i>	1999
<i>Robert O. Bonow, MD</i>	2000
<i>Richard O. Russell Jr, MD</i>	2001
<i>Alfred A. Bove, MD, PhD</i>	2002
<i>A. Jamil Tajik, MD</i>	2003
<i>Raymond J. Gibbons, MD</i>	2004
<i>Morton F. Arnsdorf, MD</i>	2005
<i>John W. Hirshfeld, Jr, MD</i>	2006
<i>Ralph G. Brindis, MD, PhD</i>	2007
<i>Joseph V. Messer, MD</i>	2008
<i>Elliot Rapaport, MD</i>	2009
<i>Patrick T. O'Gara, MD</i>	2010
<i>Frederick L. Grover, MD</i>	2011
<i>John E. Mayer Jr, MD</i>	2012
<i>Lawrence H. Cohn, MD</i>	2013
<i>Richard A. Chazal, MD</i>	2014

## DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD

<i>Norman E. Shumway, MD</i>	1994
<i>Brian F. Hoffman, MD</i>	1995
<i>Seymour Furman, MD</i>	1996
<i>Douglas P. Zipes, MD</i>	1996
<i>Attilio Maseri, MD</i>	1997
<i>Robert Roberts, MD</i>	1998
<i>Jere H. Mitchell, MD</i>	1999
<i>James T. Willerson, MD</i>	2000
<i>Jose Jalife, MD</i>	2001
<i>Shabbudin Rahimtoola, MD</i>	2001
<i>J. Thomas Bigger, Jr, MD</i>	2002
<i>Harold J. C. Swan, MD, PhD</i>	2003
<i>Francois M. Abboud, MD</i>	2004
<i>Robert M. Califf, MD</i>	2004
<i>Edward D. Frohlich, MD</i>	2005
<i>Jay N. Cohn, MD</i>	2005
<i>Peter Libby, MD</i>	2006
<i>David R. Holmes Jr, MD</i>	2006
<i>Jeffrey A. Towbin, MD</i>	2007
<i>Jane W. Newburger, MD, MPH</i>	2007
<i>Paul G. Yock, MD</i>	2008
<i>Barry J. Maron, MD</i>	2008
<i>Blasé A. Cavabello, MD</i>	2009
<i>Daniel B. Mark, MD</i>	2009
<i>Albert L. Waldo, MD</i>	2009
<i>Nanette H. Bisopric, MD</i>	2010
<i>George A. Beller, MD</i>	2010
<i>Marschall Steven Runge, MD</i>	2010
<i>Charles Antzelevitch, PhD</i>	2011
<i>Stephen L. Archer, MD</i>	2011
<i>Catherine M. Otto, MD</i>	2011

<i>Prediman K. Shah, MD</i>	2012
<i>C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD</i>	2012
<i>Sanjiv Kaul, MD</i>	2012
<i>Christie M. Ballantyne, MD</i>	2013
<i>Ulrich Sigwart, MD</i>	2013
<i>Suzanne Oparil, MD</i>	2013
<i>Eduardo Marbán, MD, PhD</i>	2014
<i>Melvin M. Scheinman, MD</i>	2014
<i>Michael R. Bristow, MD, PhD</i>	2014

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

<i>Eliot Corday, MD</i>	1994
<i>Simon Dack, MD</i>	1994
<i>Eugene A. Stead Jr, MD</i>	1995
<i>Henry D. McIntosh, MD</i>	1996
<i>Rolf M. Gunnar, MD</i>	1997
<i>Harriet P. Dustan, MD</i>	1998
<i>H.J.C. Swan, MD, PhD</i>	1999
<i>Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD</i>	2000
<i>L. Julian Haywood, MD</i>	2001
<i>John Eisenberg, MD, MBA</i>	2002
<i>Douglas L. Wood, MD</i>	2003
<i>George A. Diamond, MD</i>	2004
<i>Aldo R. Castaneda, MD, PhD</i>	2005
<i>Robert O. Bonow, MD</i>	2006
<i>Bernard J. Gersh, MB, ChB, DPhil</i>	2007
<i>Linda D. Gillam, MD</i>	2008
<i>Jane Somerville, MD</i>	2009
<i>Charles E. Mullins, MD</i>	2010
<i>William S. Weintraub, MD</i>	2011
<i>Thomas P. Graham Jr, MD</i>	2012
<i>Roberta G. Williams, MD</i>	2013
<i>H. Vernon Anderson, MD</i>	2014

## DOUGLAS P. ZIPES DISTINGUISHED YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

<i>Lior Gepstein, MD, PhD</i>	2006
<i>Hunter Clay Champion, MD, PhD</i>	2007
<i>Jeroen J. Bax, MD</i>	2008
<i>Marc Steven Sabatine, MD, MPH</i>	2008
<i>Joseph C. Wu, MD, PhD</i>	2009
<i>David E. Lanfear, MD</i>	2010
<i>Andrew Jeffrey Einstein, MD, PhD</i>	2011
<i>Duk-Woo Park, MD, PhD</i>	2012
<i>Heshem A. Sadek, MD, PhD</i>	2013
<i>Jessica L. Mega, MD</i>	2014

## DISTINGUISHED MENTOR AWARD

<i>Nanette Kass Wenger, MD</i>	2013
<i>Fred Morady, MD</i>	2014



## DISTINGUISHED ASSOCIATE AWARD

*Brenda Garrett-Superko, RN* 2013  
*Jane A. Linderbaum, MS* 2014

## GIFTED TEACHER AWARD

*Robert A. O'Rourke, MD* 1994  
*Melvin D. Cheitlin, MD* 1995  
*Michael S. Gordon, MD* 1996  
*Peter C. Gazes, MD* 1997  
*Aldo R. Castaneda, MD* 1998  
*R. Joe Noble, MD* 1999  
*Pravin M. Shah, MD* 1999  
*Daniel Berman, MD* 2000  
*Melvin M. Scheinman, MD* 2001  
*Arthur E. Weyman, MD* 2001  
*C. Richard Conti, MD* 2002  
*Roberta G. Williams, MD* 2002  
*Elliott M. Antman, MD* 2003  
*Prediman K. Shah, MD* 2003  
*Joseph S. Alpert, MD* 2004  
*Ezra Amsterdam, MD* 2005  
*Thomas P. Graham Jr, MD* 2006  
*Rick Nishimura, MD* 2006  
*Gabriel Gregoratos, MD* 2007  
*Ami Iskandrian, MD* 2007  
*Mark E. Josephson, MD* 2008  
*Nasser Lakkis, MD* 2008

## DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

*Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD* 2009  
*Michael H. Crawford, MD* 2010  
*Wilton M. Gersony, MD* 2011  
*Kim A. Eagle, MD* 2012  
*Paul M. Weinberg, MD* 2013  
*Gary S. Francis, MD* 2014

## GIFTED EDUCATOR AWARD

*Howard F. Warner, MD* 2009  
*John E. Atwood, MD* 2010  
*John D. Rutherford, MB, ChB* 2011  
*Jagat Narula, MD, PhD* 2012  
*Julio E. Perez, MD* 2013  
*Jacqueline A. Noonan, MD* 2014

## HONORARY FELLOWSHIP AWARD

*Andrew L. Wit, PhD* 1993  
*Charles H. Hennekens, MD* 1995  
*Claude Lenfant, MD* 1997  
*David J. Feild* 1998  
*First Lady Laura Bush* 2004  
*Fabio Badilini, PhD* 2009  
*Jack C. Lewin, MD* 2010  
*David Mortara, PhD* 2011

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Joseph K. Perloff, MD* 2008  
*James S. Forrester, MD* 2009  
*Eugene Braunwald, MD* 2010  
*Patrick W. Serruys, MD* 2011  
*Heinrich R. Schelbert, MD, PhD* 2012  
*Shabbudin H. Rahimtoola, MD* 2013  
*Aldo R. Castaneda, MD, PhD* 2014

## MASTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY

*W. Proctor Harvey, MD* 1998  
*Don W. Chapman, MD* 1998  
*John H. K. Vogel, MD* 1998  
*Carl J. Pepine, MD* 1999  
*Donald F. Leon, MD* 1999  
*Shabbudin H. Rahimtoola, MD* 1999  
*Melvin D. Cheitlin, MD* 2000  
*Gottlieb C. Friesinger II, MD* 2000  
*Pravin M. Shah, MD* 2000  
*Morton F. Arnsdorf, MD* 2001  
*David B. Carmichael, MD* 2001  
*Joseph V. Messer, MD* 2001  
*Bruce H. Brundage, MD* 2002  
*Michael A Nocero Jr, MD* 2002  
*Thomas J. Ryan, MD* 2003  
*Costas T. Lambrew, MD* 2004  
*William Roberts, MD, DSc* 2004  
*David J. Sahn, MD* 2004  
*L. Samuel Wann, MD* 2004  
*Bernard A. Boal, MD* 2005  
*Eugene Braunwald, MD* 2005  
*Robert A. O'Rourke, MD* 2005  
*Robert M. Califf, MD* 2006  
*Ruth L. Collins-Nakai, MD* 2006  
*Ben McCallister, MD* 2006  
*Rolf M. Gunnar, MD* 2007  
*Robert Roberts, MD* 2007  
*Roberta G. Williams, MD* 2007  
*Robert O. Bonow, MD* 2008  
*Mario R. Garcia-Palmieri, MD* 2008  
*Ami E. Iskandrian, MD* 2008  
*Kim A. Eagle, MD* 2009  
*David J. Skorton, MD* 2009  
*Nanette Kass Wenger, MD* 2009  
*Michael D. Freed, MD* 2010  
*Valentin Fuster, MD, PhD* 2010  
*John G. Harold, MD* 2010  
*James C. Blankenship, MD* 2011  
*Robert H. Jones, MD* 2011  
*Jerry D. Kennett, MD* 2012  
*Rick A. Nishimura, MD* 2012  
*Miguel A. Quinones, MD* 2012  
*Elliott M. Antman, MD* 2013  
*Bernard J. Gersh, MB, ChB, DPhil* 2013  
*Jagat Narula, MD, PhD* 2013  
*Sharon Ann Hunt, MD* 2014  
*George W. Vetrovec, MD* 2014  
*William S. Weintraub, MD* 2014  
*Eric S. Williams, MD* 2014

## PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARD

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<i>Leonard A. Cobb, MD</i>	1996
<i>Walter Somerville, MD</i>	1997
<i>Liv K. Hatle, MD</i>	1998
<i>R. Bruce Logue, MD</i>	1999
<i>Michael E. DeBakey, MD</i>	2000
<i>Richard John Bing, MD</i>	2001
<i>Eugene Braunwald, MD</i>	2002
<i>Claude Lenfant, MD</i>	2003
<i>Michael E. Bertrand, MD</i>	2004
<i>Larry King</i>	2005
<i>ACC/AHA Task Force on Performance Measures</i>	2006
<i>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</i>	2006
<i>The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations</i>	2006
<i>The Agency for Healthcare Research Quality</i>	2006
<i>Anthony N. DeMaria, MD</i>	2007
<i>Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD</i>	2008
<i>Michael J. Mack, MD</i>	2012
<i>Huon H. Gray, MD</i>	2013
<i>Joseph P. Drozda, Jr, MD</i>	2014

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

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<i>Henry D. McIntosh, MD</i>	2002
<i>Keyur H. Parikh, MD</i>	2004
<i>Desmond Julian, MD</i>	2005
<i>Thabet Alsbeikh, MD</i>	2006
<i>Leszek Ceremuzynski, MD</i>	2006
<i>Alejandro Marcelo Monroy, MD</i>	2008
<i>Shabryar A. Sheikh, MBBS</i>	2009
<i>Navin Nanda, MD</i>	2010
<i>Dayi Hu, MD</i>	2011
<i>Antonio P. Chagas, MD, PhD</i>	2012
<i>Salim Yusuf, MD, DPhil</i>	2013
<i>Daniel Pineiro, MD</i>	2014

## PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL CITATION PROMOTING COLLABORATION AMONG MIDDLE EASTERN CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETIES

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<i>Douglas P. Zipes, MD</i>	2009
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