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<p><b>CAP Distinguished Patient Care Award</b> – This award recognizes and honors a member of the CAP who has made an outstanding contribution to patient care. It represents behavior that when emulated enhances the practice of pathology in addition to reflecting the mission, vision, and values of the CAP.</p>	<p><b>Charles Edward Hill, MD, PhD, FCAP (1 of 2 Honorees)</b></p>	<p>For his mentorship, knowledge, and service to the practice of pathology and his patients. During the 2014 Ebola outbreak, Dr. Hill was the medical director of the Emory University Hospital Serious Communicable Disease Unit (SCDU) Laboratory. This laboratory had never been activated, and Dr Hill was given a very short deadline before the first patient infected with the Ebola virus would touch down on US soil and be admitted to his hospital. Four patients later (all alive and well today), it is well-known and documented that the laboratory at the Emory SCDU was critical to the successful treatment and discharge of those patients. Unbeknownst to many, Dr. Hill actually placed himself on the regular rotation schedule with the medical technologists, and he worked shifts in the lab performing tests on the highly-contagious specimens himself.</p>
	<p><b>Gary W. Procop, MD, FCAP (2 of 2 Honorees)</b></p>	<p>For his outstanding contribution to patient care as a superb diagnostic pathologist and an educator specializing in molecular microbiology, parasitology, and mycology. Dr. Procop was instrumental in providing very timely information for the CAP website during the Ebola crisis. He participated in discussions with the CDC to ensure that CAP customers had access to accurate information. He always volunteers in handling media inquiries and he did a superb job during the recent measles outbreak. Dr. Procop is a staunch advocate of getting the much-needed information out to clinical laboratories to improve patient care. At the Cleveland Clinic, he is spearheading the Enterprise Test Utilization &amp; Pathology Consultative Services, which is resulting in cost-effective patient care.</p>
<p><b>CAP Distinguished Service Award</b> – This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the practice of pathology and to the College of American Pathologists.</p>	<p><b>Stephen Gerard Ruby, MD, MBA, FCAP</b></p>	<p>For his extensive and exemplary service to the College and his significant contributions to the practice of pathology over an extended period of time. Dr. Ruby's most significant contributions are in the area of practice leadership and management, having served as a member and currently as chair of the CAP Practice Management Committee. Dr. Ruby also has served on numerous other College committees including the CAP Nominating Committee, Finance Committee, Quality Practices Committee, and the Council on Membership and Professional Development. In addition, Dr. Ruby has served as a CAP LAP inspector, as a member of the House of Delegates, and in several elected positions at the Illinois Society of Pathologists, including President.</p>
<p><b>CAP Excellence in Education</b> – This award recognizes outstanding contributions in the development of CME and CE activities in support of CAP education for pathologists and/or laboratory professionals.</p>	<p><b>James Leo Connolly, MD, FCAP</b></p>	<p>For his leadership and expertise in breast pathology education, especially in his commitment to the Multidisciplinary Breast Pathology Advanced Practical Pathology Program (MBP AP<sup>3</sup>).</p> <p>Dr. Connolly is an internationally recognized breast pathologist, teacher, and proponent of the multidisciplinary team approach to breast disease management. From 2009 to 2014, he served as the working group chair for the MBP AP<sup>3</sup>, ensuring that the program adhered to rigorous diagnostic and reporting standards that directly impact patient outcomes.</p>

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		<p>He also served as faculty at various CAP-sponsored education programs at USCAP, the American Society for Breast Disease (ASBD) and our own annual meeting. He led the development and presentation of the CAP-sponsored pathology plenary and tumor board conferences to more than 600 international attendees at the 2014 SIS World Congress on Breast Healthcare in Orlando, Florida.</p>
<p><b>CAP Excellence in Teaching Award</b> – This award recognizes consistently outstanding contributions as faculty for one or more education activities resulting in exceptional professional development opportunities for pathologists.</p>	<p><b>Kevin Orr Leslie, MD, FCAP (1 of 2 Honorees)</b></p>	<p>For his contributions as a three-time faculty at the CAP annual meetings where he consistently achieved high ratings for overall course value and faculty effectiveness. As an internationally known expert in pulmonary pathology, Dr. Leslie employed evidence-based algorithms, case presentations, live lecture feedback, job aids, and post-event Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) to teaching practical, relevant pulmonary pathology skills to nearly 500 pathologists. He continues to positively impact CAP Learning through his contributions in developing courses for the Pulmonary Learning Series.</p>
	<p><b>Bobbi S. Pritt, MD, FCAP (2 of 2 Honorees)</b></p>	<p>For her contributions as an eight-time faculty at the CAP annual meetings where she consistently received high marks year after year for course value and teaching effectiveness. As a recognized expert in microbiology and parasitology, Dr. Pritt employs a practical approach to teaching, which attendees appreciate. She successfully used learning technologies such as audience polling and post-event SAMs with her courses to increase attendee engagement and learning impact. She shared her deep clinical knowledge as the author of the <i>CAP Parasitology Benchtop Reference Guide</i>, a valuable resource for laboratory professionals.</p>
<p><b>CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) Service Award Established in Honor of Major General Joseph M. Blumberg</b> – This award recognizes a member of the CAP who has contributed exceptional and outstanding service to the CAP's Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP).</p>	<p><b>Francis Edward Sharkey, MD, FCAP</b></p>	<p>For his outstanding contributions and extensive service to the CAP LAP over the years. He has served the LAP in various capacities including as vice-chair and member of the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation (CLA); as chair and member of the Complaints and Investigations Committee; as chair of the Accreditation Education Committee; and as a CLA Education Commissioner, a Regional Commissioner and as a State Commissioner.</p>

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<p><b>CAP Laboratory Improvement Program (LIP) Service Award</b> – This award recognizes an individual serving within the ranks of the CAP Council on Scientific Affairs (CSA) who has demonstrated exceptional service.</p>	<p><b>Gary L. Horowitz, MD, FCAP</b></p>	<p>For outstanding contributions and service to the CAP LIP over the years. He is the current chair of the Chemistry Resource Committee. Previously, Dr. Horowitz served on the Instrumentation Resource Committee and on the Council on Scientific Affairs as the representative of the Chemistry Cluster. He is a staunch advocate of improving quality of diagnostic medicine for patient safety. His dedication to the accuracy-based PT products to help laboratories measure the accuracy of their assays is commendable. On many occasions, he accommodated his schedule to reach out to our international customers for educational webinars. In addition, Dr. Horowitz has been involved with the CAP Pathology and Laboratory Quality Center for developing guidelines to optimize effective patient care.</p>
<p><b>CAP Lifetime Achievement Award</b> – This award recognizes and honors a CAP member who has made a broad and positive impact on the pathology profession through contributions to one or more areas of the College over an extended period of time.</p>	<p><b>Larry Wayne Cartmell, Sr., MD, FCAP (1 of 8 Honorees)</b></p>	<p>For his distinguished service to the College over the years and his lifelong pursuit of excellence in anatomic and clinical pathology and laboratory medicine. Dr. Cartmell is a highly respected researcher, educator, and clinician. He serves as the medical director of laboratories for three different organizations in southern Oklahoma including Mercy Health System Ada, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, and Southern Oklahoma Pathology Associates. A career spanning nearly 50 years has seen him become a leader in the field of pathology and laboratory medicine. And as a special interest, Dr. Cartmell became an internationally recognized researcher in the field of paleobiology. Through many field and laboratory activities, he performed autopsies and studied mummified remains from all over the world and authored numerous publications on the topic.</p> <p>As the director of clinical laboratories at medical laboratory technologist and technician teaching institutions, Dr. Cartmell has provided decades of kind mentorship to hundreds of students. His passion for laboratory medicine coupled with his unique ability to teach has made a lasting impact. His work and influence is greatly appreciated by every laboratory professional that has had the privilege of working with him. His tireless ability to maintain high standards in pathology and clinical laboratory science will provide a lasting legacy of excellence for future generations.</p>

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	<b>Stanley J. Geyer, MD, FCAP (2 of 8 Honorees)</b>	<p>For his distinguished service to the CAP over the years as a member, vice chair and chair of the Diagnostic Immunology Resource Committee. Under his tenure as chair, the College's Proficiency Testing Division launched many new products that helped meet the revenue goal, but more importantly, also helped meet laboratory needs to improve patient care. Dr. Geyer's expertise in diagnostic immunology, flow cytometry in general and electrophoresis in particular, is so valuable that he is our go-to person for all our customer inquiries. He is very well respected as a superb clinical pathologist by his peers as well as by the professional staff. Dr. Geyer also has authored and co-authored book chapters and many articles published in medical journals. He is a staunch advocate of improving the quality of pathology and laboratory medicine because it improves patient care.</p>
	<b>Kevin Carl Halling, MD, PhD, FCAP (3 of 8 Honorees)</b>	<p>For his distinguished service to the CAP over the years as a member and chair of the Molecular Oncology Resource Committee. Dr. Halling's passion in improving patient care is demonstrated by his tireless work in providing tools for laboratory personnel. As molecular technologies are increasingly implemented in the laboratory, it is critical that there is uniformity in the way the laboratory results are reported. Along with his colleagues, he authored an article, "Clinical Laboratory Reports in Molecular Pathology" which did just that! Dr. Halling was very instrumental in helping the professional staff in writing, reviewing, and advising on many of the Perspective on Emerging Technologies (POET) Reports for The Pathologist's Message. During his tenure as chair of the Molecular Oncology Committee, the field of molecular pathology was rapidly changing and Dr. Halling ensured the quality of the new CAP PT Surveys and challenged the clinical laboratory to improve performance in this area for enhanced patient management. His passion in cancer and molecular genetics is testament to his passion for the specialty of pathology and laboratory medicine.</p>
	<b>Lawrence John Jennings, MD, PhD, FCAP (4 of 8 Honorees)</b>	<p>For his many years of service to the College as member, vice chair, chair of the Molecular Oncology Resource Committee, and as a representative from the Molecular Pathology and Genetics Cluster to the Council on Scientific Affairs. During his tenure as chair of the Molecular Oncology Committee, he spearheaded many initiatives for the improvements of the molecular PT Surveys so that they could be formally evaluated, resulting in clinical laboratory improvements. Dr. Jennings has been involved with the CDC's GeT-RM project to improve the availability of well characterized material. His meticulous work on standardizing the <i>BCR/ABL1</i> testing and Minimal Residual Disease (MRD), and LDTs is commendable. To provide a rational approach to introducing molecular tests into the clinical laboratory, he co-authored, "Recommended Principles and Practices for Validating Clinical Molecular Pathology Tests", his article on methods-based proficiency testing in molecular pathology.</p>
	<b>Debra G. B.</b>	<p>For her leadership and significant contributions to the College in numerous areas. She has served as past chair of the Personalized Health Care (PHC) Committee, driving the</p>

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	<p><b>Leonard, MD, PhD, FCAP (5 of 8 Honorees)</b></p>	<p>development of resources and tools that assist pathologists in all practice setting to better understand and adopt molecular and genomic medicine. Under her leadership, the PHC Committee began a Hot Topic in Pathology genomic webinar series in 2009, allowing more than 2000 pathologists listen to these webinars to every year. The PHC Committee also launched its Genomic and Molecular Medicine Resource Guides and Short Presentations in Emerging Concepts (SPECS), a tool for pathologists to present on emerging molecular tests at tumor boards. Under Dr Leonard's leadership, the Transformation Case for Change project Module 4 focused on identifying, understanding and making recommendations to the CAP on the key emerging technologies that could most impact to the practice of pathology.</p> <p>Dr. Leonard also served for many years as a member of the CGPA and has participated as a CAP inspector. Since 2007, Dr. Leonard has represented the CAP on the Institute of Medicine's Roundtable on Translating Genomic-Based Research for Health. Additionally, she frequently presented the CAP position on gene patents over the past decade, including the position of CAP spokesperson for the ACLU case, AMP, et al vs. Myriad, and at the January 2013, USPTO Roundtable on Genetic Testing.</p>
	<p><b>Ronald B. Lepoff, MD, FCAP (6 of 8 Honorees)</b></p>	<p>For his broad and positive impact on pathology through numerous contributions to the CAP over the past 37 years. He has served as secretary-treasurer, as a governor, as chair of the Accreditation Committee, as vice chair of the CSA, and chair and vice chair of the Laboratory Fiscal Management Committee, as chair and deputy regional commissioner of the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation, and as a member of numerous other committee spanning the entire CAP structure.</p>
	<p><b>Mary K. Washington, MD, PhD, FCAP (7 of 8 Honorees)</b></p>	<p>For her outstanding leadership and numerous contributions to the College, including endorsing the complete reporting of malignant tumors through pathologist adoption of the CAP Cancer Protocols. Dr. Washington has driven the College's mission of improving patient health by promoting the cancer protocols during her decade of service as member, chair, and advisor to the Cancer Committee. She has led global efforts as the CAP liaison to the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) and the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). These initiatives have resulted in the signing of MOUs for implementation of the cancer protocols with worldwide organizations including the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA), the Canadian Association of Pathology (CPAC), and the Polish Society of Pathologists (PSP) for a combined reach of more than 1 billion people globally.</p>
	<p><b>Thomas McKee Williams, MD, FCAP</b></p>	<p>Awarded posthumously for his distinguished service to the College and his contributions to the practice of pathology over the years. As chair of the Pharmacogenomics Certificate</p>

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	<b>(8 of 8 Honorees)</b>	Program Working Group, he spearheaded the development of the online Pharmacogenomics Program; he also served on the CAP Histocompatibility and Biochemical Genetics Resource Committees and as a LAP inspector. He was truly respected by his colleagues for his extensive contributions to the field of pathology and specifically, transplantation and molecular genetics.
<b>CAP Outstanding Communicator Award Established in Honor of William L. Kuehn</b> – This award honors and recognizes outstanding communication contributions that strengthen the image of pathology.	<b>Michael John Misialek, MD, FCAP</b>	<p>For his significant efforts in demonstrating and articulating the value of pathology and the critical need for pathologists to be known, to be seen, and to be heard from by patients.</p> <p>As a 2012 graduate of the Engaged Leadership Academy, Dr. Misialek has embarked on an aggressive campaign to make pathologists known, understood, and recognized as not only a vital member of a patient's care team, but as a key component of future health care delivery models. He has written numerous articles for BostonMagazine.com and is very active in social media. A prolific user of Twitter to share medical news, he also tweets from pathology meetings, and even reached out via Twitter to a pathologist in Africa to act as a source for an article on Ebola. In addition, he launched his own blog called PathReport whose tag line is "Healthy living made possible by pathologists." Here he examines the role of pathologists in the future of medicine and reprints his many other articles like "Pathologist's View on Prostate Cancer Grey Zone: 'What Do My Numbers Mean?'"</p>
<b>CAP Outstanding Service Award Established in Honor of Frank W. Hartman</b> – This award recognizes a Fellow of the CAP for outstanding service to a single CAP program, project, or related endeavor, generally over a long period of time.	<b>Edward W. Catalano, Jr., MD, FCAP</b>	<p>For his significant, lasting, and continuing service to pathologists, pathology, and the CAP. Through his leadership as the first chair of the CAP Practice Management Committee, the College developed, and now offers ground-breaking, accessible, immediately useful tools to equip pathologists to deliver excellence in patient care and practice leadership.</p> <p>Dr. Catalano has consistently demonstrated effective leadership in health care organizations by serving as president of the South Carolina Medical Association, the South Carolina Society of Pathologists, the South Carolina Medical Malpractice Patients' Compensation Fund Board of Directors, and the South Carolina Medical Care Foundation Board of Directors. In addition, Dr. Catalano served as CEO of Pathology Services Associates, a board member of the American Pathology Foundation, Senior Medical Leadership Representative on the Board of Trustees for the South Carolina Hospital Association, and as Director of Laboratory Outreach and Referral Testing for Palmetto Health Richland.</p>
<b>CAP Pathology Advancement Award</b> – This award recognizes a person or team that demonstrates components of	<b>Rajesh Chandra Dash, MD, FCAP</b>	<p>Dr. Dash exemplifies what it is to be a physician pathologist who embodies all of the newest concepts in patient care as he advances the specialty.</p> <p>Dr. Dash first established his leadership in pathology and pathology informatics as chair of</p>



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<p>foresight, resolve, and untiring commitment to both evolutionary and revolutionary undertakings that advance the positioning of the pathologists in the House of Medicine and the delivery of safer patient care. It recognizes efforts that are neither easy nor obvious and the recipient often will be a change agent.</p>		<p>the CAP Residents Forum. He then went on to serve as vice-chair, SNOMED International Authority; chair, SNOMED International Standards Board; member of the International Committee, Internet Editorial Board, and Personalized Health Care Committee. He currently chairs the Informatics Committee, and is vice-chair of the Clinical Informatics Steering Committee.</p> <p>In leading many important national and international health care standards organizations, Dr. Dash is a key driver in government initiatives to advance nationwide interoperability of health care information and coding systems. He transcends mastery of the domain, seeing the big picture, managing business realities, and, most importantly, leading. At Duke University he heads the ground-breaking implementation of the Epic Beaker LIS, which will profoundly influence nearly all of the large health systems in the US.</p> <p>Dr. Dash is creating a new type of pathologist, one whose influence extends across the healthcare enterprise by showing the way that the foundational technology, informatics, today can transform health care delivery and policy.</p>
<p><b>CAP Pathologist of the Year Award</b> – This award honors a CAP leader for outstanding contributions to the field of pathology and to the programs and activities of the College of American Pathologists.</p>	<p><b>Donald Steven Karcher, MD, FCAP</b></p>	<p>For his outstanding contributions to the practice of pathology and the College, and specifically for his commitment to preparing pathologists for future roles in value-based care.</p> <p>Dr. Karcher was an integral member in forming CAP's Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Network in 2011 – serving as chair of the CAP ACO Steering Group and ACO Network. The ACO Network was established to keep members abreast of ACO developments and help position them in their local ACO negotiations and operations. As a member of the Council on Government and Professional Affairs, Dr. Karcher is devoted to keeping pathologists at the forefront of value-based care. He has represented the CAP and pathologists at the Brookings/Dartmouth ACO learning network, bringing national attention to the pathologists' role in ACOs. He has also made several appearances on coordinated care and pathologist implications before many audiences including, but not limited to the House of Delegates and annual CAP meetings. He also served as a member of CAP's value case member group. Most recently, Dr. Karcher has served as the pioneer member for CAP's Value-Based Care strategy to clarify the College's perspective and approach to supporting the successful integration of the specialty within value-based care which began in 2014.</p>
<p><b>CAP Public Service Award Established in Honor of Frank C. Coleman</b> – This award is given to a CAP Fellow who</p>	<p><b>W. Stephen Black-Schaffer, MD, FCAP</b></p>	<p>For outstanding accomplishments and dedication to political and civic life and public service. He embodies the profound commitment to the CAP and its membership that is essential for its continued success. He devotes much of his personal time each week (ranging from approximately 5 to 15 hours per week—holidays not excluded) working as vice chair of the</p>

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<p>best exemplifies the political, citizenship, and leadership qualities of the late Dr. Frank C. Colman, sixth president of the College of American Pathologists (CAP). It is the CAP's highest honor for outstanding accomplishments and dedication to political and civic life and to public service in the United States.</p>		<p>Economic Affairs Committee (EAC) to ensure that patients have access to pathologists' services by vigorously advocating with representatives of both government payers and non-government payers for the appropriate reimbursement of those services.</p> <p>Dr. Black-Shaffer continually demonstrate a special expertise in the area of physician reimbursement, he applies that knowledge with a phenomenal work ethic. He graciously acts as a mentor to the more junior members of the Economic Affairs Committee (EAC) and Council on Government and Professional Affairs (CGPA) and patiently provides his perspective of the often complex and arcane issues of payment and government regulations.</p>
<p><b>CAP Resident Advocate Award</b> – This award recognizes outstanding contributions to and support of pathology residents and fellows.</p>	<p><b>Jerad Michael Gardner, MD, FCAP</b></p>	<p>For his enthusiastic support of pathology residents. As a pathology resident himself, he embraced the opportunity for engagement offered by the RF and pursued a leadership position, eventually becoming chair of the Residents Forum Executive Committee (RFEC). As chair, he effectively served as a conduit for numerous residents and Fellows of the College. He honed in on the advantages of personal connection and networking, and he made every effort to model and encourage behaviors that would lead to success. That modeling and encouragement served as a solid base for his transition into teaching. He now serves as an Assistant Professor of Pathology and Dermatology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr. Gardner also is the Program Director of the UAMS dermatopathology fellowship program and Clinical Co-Director of the musculoskeletal/skin block for the UAMS College of Medicine, a perfect role for someone so in tune with pathologists at the earliest stages of their careers. In addition, Dr. Gardner has been at the forefront of the social media movement within pathology. He has created numerous venues for pathologists to share interesting cases and discuss best practices. Furthermore, he routinely speaks to health care professionals about how to use Facebook and Twitter professionally for the benefit of patients, the public at large, and their own profession.</p>
<p><b>CAP Staff Outstanding Achievement Award</b> – This award recognizes and honors College staff whose contributions during their career have greatly impacted and supported the growth and improvement of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), including its staff and members and patients.</p>	<p><b>Mary L. Paton, MT(ASCP)</b></p>	<p>For her instrumental role in the growth of the CAP Proficiency Testing Program over the past 28 years. As senior technical director, scientific resources, Ms. Paton serves the CAP as the professional staff member for the Council on Scientific Affairs and director of the proficiency testing department's technical staff, where she is responsible for overseeing the flow of scientific expertise into the CAP Surveys program.</p>