Professor of the Year 2016

J. Chad Hoyle, MD

Each year, The Ohio State University College of Medicine gives its graduating students the opportunity to nominate a member of the faculty who has significantly impacted their training. The Professor of the Year Award is the highest teaching award given within the College of Medicine and marks a career of excellence in academic medicine.

This year's award goes to an individual that our class has come to know and appreciate. It is my great pleasure to present the Class of 2015 Professor of the Year Award to Dr. Chad Hoyle. Dr. Hoyle grew up in Beavercreek, Ohio. He completed his undergraduate studies at The Ohio State University, graduating summa cum laude with a major in psychology. Evidently, he loved it so much that he decided to stay. First, he completed medical school here as a member of the innovative independent study program, a pathway near to my own heart. Dr. Hoyle would later complete his residency training in neurology with a subsequent fellowship in neuromuscular diseases and electromyography.

During his tenure as a faculty member at Ohio State thus far, Dr. Hoyle has already received numerous teaching and clinical care awards, including multiple departmental awards, the College of Medicine Courage to Teach Award, and the American Academy of Neurology A.B. Baker Teacher Recognition Award. He has also been inducted into both the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Dr. Hoyle is well known to the student body for his tireless work in medical education. While most of us first met him during our third-year clerkship in neurology, his influence as an educator was felt regardless of our anticipated career paths. From physical diagnosis to bedside manner, it is challenging to think of a better role model than Dr. Hoyle. Graduating students have commented on his attributes, citing specific examples of being adept at simplifying material in lectures and review sessions and also of his ability to involve both patients and students to promote the best in interactive teaching. These experiences were particularly valuable both as we were introduced to clinical medicine and now moving forward in our individual careers. Dr. Hoyle is a physician model to which we aspire.

Dr. Hoyle’s success outside of the medical center is also inspirational. He balances his achievements in medicine with his priorities outside of medicine. He emphasizes the importance of his family, especially his wife Stephanie and their three children—Lana, Brady, and Leah. Dr. Hoyle is also quick to acknowledge the encouragement that he has received from his parents and his sister, Stacy, in shaping his vision for pursuing a career in medicine.

We can think of no one more deserving of this honor than Dr. Hoyle. Thank you, Dr. Hoyle, for all that you have done for the Class of 2015 and the College of Medicine. You have gone above and beyond your duties to help each and every one of us succeed and achieve our dreams.

On behalf of The Ohio State University College of Medicine Class of 2015, I am honored to present Dr. Hoyle with the Professor of the Year Award.

Patrick James Sylvester
Class of 2015 President, Student Council