Professor of the Year 2010

David P. Bahner, MD, RDMS

Since 1931, the senior class of the College of Medicine has awarded a single faculty member with the Professor of the Year award. As the highest honor a faculty member can earn from the graduating class, this award is presented to a professor who exhibits an outstanding commitment to medical education through excellent mentorship, enthusiasm for teaching, and dedication to patient care. Today, the Class of 2010 is proud to present David P. Bahner, MD, RDMS, associate professor and ultrasound director in the Department of Emergency Medicine, with the 2010 Professor of the Year Award.

Dr. Bahner grew up in Kettering, Ohio, but left the Buckeye state to pursue an undergraduate degree in biological sciences at Clemson University. After graduating in 1991, he returned to Ohio to attend medical school at the University of Cincinnati, where he finished among the top of his class in 1995. He then went on to residency training in emergency medicine at the Ohio State University.

Since joining OSU as a full-time faculty member in 1998, Dr. Bahner has excelled as a clinician, teacher, and mentor. He is the recipient of multiple awards from medical students, colleagues, and house staff. His accolades include the Woody Hayes Leadership Award (2003), the Excellence in Teaching Award (2005), the Landacre Medical Student Research Society Faculty Award (2005), and the Distinguished Educator Award (2009). Last year, the Class of 2009 honored Dr. Bahner with the Med IV Outstanding Clinical Teacher Award.

Dr. Bahner earned his RDMS degree from the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers in 2000. Since then, he has devoted much of his time to instruct students, residents and faculty from various departments on the utility of bedside ultrasound. He is well-known to our class as an outstanding leader in ultrasound education through his tireless efforts to provide students with opportunities to participate in structured mentorships. In 2005, he pioneered the Ultrasound Academy and the Honors Ultrasound Program for 2nd and 4th year medical students. He also helped to develop the ultrasound portion of the Clinical Skills Immersion Experience, a one-week hands-on course for third-year medical students.

Dr. Bahner’s leadership and achievements extend well beyond OSU. He is active in the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine and is the first emergency physician to sit on its Board of Governors. He is also involved in the American College of Emergency Physician’s Ultrasound section and is a member of the Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine Editorial Advisory Board. He has authored numerous research publications and abstracts on ultrasound education and emergency care, which have been presented both nationally and internationally.

Outside of his dedication to patients and students, Dr. Bahner is an avid athlete. He plays tennis, golf, and frisbee. He has also participated in intramural basketball with medical students.
Our class recognizes Dr. Bahner as a devoted and enthusiastic teacher, one who consistently encourages students to take an active role in leadership. His tremendous passion for teaching is demonstrated by the countless hours he spends instructing students in his areas of expertise, as well as his initiatives to integrate ultrasound into our medical curriculum. Dr. Bahner is a wonderful role model for physicians-in-training, and is truly an asset to his patients, his colleagues, and to us, the graduating class of 2010.

On behalf of the Class of 2010, I am honored to present David P. Bahner, MD, RDMS, with the Professor of the Year Award.

*Julia Li-Ming Fu*

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