



Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed to an AANA Member for their exceptional service in and commitment to leading an initiative or project for the association, orthopaedic community, or community at-large through their donated time, considerable resources, and influential leadership.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award honors an AANA Member who has made extraordinary contributions to the organization and field of minimally invasive surgery through education, service, advocacy, publications, and research.

Stephen J. Snyder, M.D. Arthroscopy Instructor Award

The Stephen J. Snyder, M.D. Arthroscopy Instructor Award recognizes an AANA Member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the education of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Through teaching at courses, presenting lectures and delivering hand-on training, this educator has dedicated time and energy to the advancement of minimally invasive surgery. This award is granted to an AANA Education Instructor for demonstrating exceptional dedication and skill as a teacher.

Diversity & Inclusion Research Award

The Diversity Research Award is given to a single lead author who is either an underrepresented minority in medicine or has written on a topic related to diversity.

Stephen S. Burkhart, M.D. Shoulder Innovation Award

After a rigorous review process, the Stephen S. Burkhart Shoulder Innovation Award is presented to the top research paper focused on the shoulder or to an individual for their contributions to the advancement of arthroscopic shoulder surgery. This award is granted to the best overall shoulder paper. This award is named in honor of AANA Member Stephen S. Burkhart, M.D.

Richard J. O'Connor, M.D. Research Award

The Richard J. O'Connor, M.D. Research Award recognizes the top research paper submitted for the AANA Annual Meeting. After a rigorous review process, this research paper received the highest score of all the submissions. This award is granted to the best overall rated paper.

Patellofemoral Anatomy Research Excellence Award

After a rigorous review process, the Patellofemoral Anatomy Research Excellence Award is presented to the top patellofemoral anatomy research paper submitted for the AANA Annual Meeting. This award is granted to the top selected patellofemoral anatomy paper.

J. Whit Ewing, M.D. Resident/Fellow Award

The J. Whit Ewing, M.D. Resident/Fellow Award recognizes the top research paper submitted for the AANA Annual Meeting by a resident or fellow. After a rigorous review process, this research paper received the highest score of all the resident and fellow submissions. This award is granted to the top selected resident/fellow paper.