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**James B. Kesl, DO (COM '11)**

**YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*The Young Alumni Achievement Award recognizes a young alumnus who has graduated within the past ten years and has attained a high level of achievement early in their career.*

Dr. James Kesl is one of the few fellowship-trained orthopedic trauma surgeons in the Kansas City area. During his fellowship with Wellspan York Hospital in York, Pennsylvania, he developed special expertise in the repair of complex long bone fractures, periarticular fractures, pelvic fractures, non-union fractures, grafting procedures, complex trauma-related fractures and general orthopedics. Dr. Kesl joined Orthopedic Surgeons International following completion of his fellowship and completed his residency in orthopedic surgery with OSI at St. Mary's Medical Center, Blue Springs, Missouri.



**Nathaniel A. Parker, DO (COM '18)**

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Dr. Nathaniel Parker is an assistant professor of Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Parker serves as an attending physician and an academic Hematology/Oncology hospitalist. Bringing his expertise in acute medicine, inpatient care, and teaching, he leads teams of Yale University School of Medicine Internal Medicine residents, medical students, and advanced practice providers at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven Hospital providing integrated, expert cancer care and treatment to patients to the surrounding communities. After graduating from KCU, Dr. Parker completed his residency at the University of Kansas-Wichita where he was honored as both Outstanding Resident of the Year and President of the Graduate Medical Education Resident Council.

**Mitchell Forman, DO (COM '73)**

**ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD**

*The Alumni Service Award recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated leadership and outstanding service to the public and to the osteopathic profession.*



Dr. Mitchell Forman specializes in the treatment of arthritis and rheumatic diseases and was honored by Health Care Quarterly magazine with a Top Doctor 2020 designation in the Rheumatology category. He has practiced clinical and academic rheumatology for 41 years with particular interests in clinical rheumatology, ethics and professionalism, and end of life issues. Dr. Forman lectures in these areas locally and nationally and is the Founding Dean of the Touro University Nevada Osteopathic College of Medicine in Henderson as well as a Founding Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

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**Elliott H. Klain, DO (COM '74)**

**STAR-SPANGLED BANNER MEDALLION**

*The Star Spangled Banner Medallion Award recognizes a graduate who exemplifies the University's core values through commitment in military service to the United States.*



Following graduation from Kansas City University in 1974, Dr. Elliott Klain voluntarily enlisted in the Army and completed an internship at Tripler Army Medical Center and a 3-year residency program in Anesthesiology at Walter Reed Army Hospital. He was promoted to Major and became Chief of Anesthesia and Operative Services at Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg. As medical support, he accompanied Delta Force during their rescue attempt to free American embassy personnel who were being illegally held in Tehran. Dr. Klain carved a successful 45-year career, establishing himself as the 32<sup>nd</sup> anesthesiologist in Las Vegas in the early 1980s and has served the growing desert community with a compassionate and empathic spirit and an unwavering devotion to the field of osteopathic medicine.



**Bradley Bergman**

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

*The Distinguished Service Award honors a non-alumnus who has contributed to the ideals of the osteopathic profession by leading in the advancement of osteopathic medical education and care.*

For many years, Mr. Brad Bergman has been a behind-the-scenes supporter of and advocate for KCU. As Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board at Midwest Trust, his guidance and advice led to significant philanthropic gifts to the University. The Jack and Glenna Wylie OMM Lab is named in recognition of a \$500,000 gift made possible by Mr. Bergman during KCU's Centennial Campaign. Additionally, Mr. Bergman made possible a \$500,000 gift, which along with additional support from the University and another donor, created a \$1 million challenge to establish 10, \$200,000 impact scholarships for incoming students. That challenge proved immensely successful.



**Sarah J. Hon, DO (COM '93)**

**ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

*Alumni Achievement Awards recognize graduates for their accomplishments in the sciences and art of osteopathic medicine.*

Dr. Sarah Hon is a clinical professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, a general neurologist and the vice president of the Neuroscience Service Line at The University of Kansas Health System. After graduation from KCU, Dr. Hon completed an internship in internal medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a neurology residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. She recently earned an executive MBA from Rockhurst University and is currently board certified in both neurology and epilepsy. Dr. Hon is a Diplomate in the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Her professional affiliations include the American Academy of Neurology and the American Medical Association. She is also on the Kansas City Medical Society Board of Directors and currently serves as vice president of the Kansas City Clinical Neuroscience Society.

**Jonathon B. Wagner, DO (COM '07)**

**ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

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Dr. Jonathon Wagner serves in Pediatric Cardiology at Children's Mercy Kansas City, and is the division director in Clinical Pharmacology, Toxicology & Therapeutic Innovation. Always the public servant, Dr. Wagner is also associate professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. Following his KCU graduation in 2007, Dr. Wagner completed his pediatrics residency at Children's Mercy Kansas City in 2010.

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**Robert S. Juhasz, DO (COM '81)**

**ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

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Dr. Robert Juhasz is a board-certified internist from Concord Township, Ohio, who currently practices clinical medicine at Cleveland Clinic's Willoughby Hills Family Health Center. Dr. Juhasz holds adjunct faculty positions at the Cleveland Clinic's Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western University and at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he previously served as an associate dean. A pioneer in the adoption of electronic health records, Dr. Juhasz was active in the implementation of the electronic medical record system at the Cleveland Clinic and, in 2005, participated on a panel with President George W. Bush to discuss the benefits. Dr. Juhasz served as president of Cleveland Clinic's South Pointe Hospital from 2013-2017. In 2014, he served as the 118th president of the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Juhasz is a fellow and diplomat of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

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