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## LAURA HEMPSTEAD, DO, FACOFP RECEIVES OUTSTANDING FEMALE LEADER AWARD



Laura Hempstead, DO, FACOFP of the St. Louis metropolitan area was awarded the 2024 Outstanding Female Leader Award by the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (MSACOFP).

Dr. Hempstead was honored at a ceremony on January 20 during the 2024 MSACOFP Winter Family Medicine Update. This award recognizes female physicians who serve as clinical role models, teachers, highly accomplished professional leaders, and sources of

inspiration for women and men in medical training.

Dr. Hempstead has been very active in osteopathic organizations, serving on the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians in-service examination committee as the vice-chair, and as a past president of the MSACOFP, and the Kansas City regional osteopathic medical association. She served as chair of the UMKC clinical competency committee from 2014-2017 and guided the UMKC program as it achieved ACGME osteopathic recognition. Finally, the Society bestowed upon her the MSACOFP family physician of the year award in 2011 and the James Direnna, Sr., DO appreciation award in 2020. Her interests include caring for multiple generations within a family medicine practice and fostering the use of osteopathic medical treatment in the clinical practice setting.

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*Chartered in 1994, the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians serves as the state affiliate of the ACOFP, representing Missouri's osteopathic family physicians and physicians-in-training. The MSACOFP's mission is to preserve and promote the distinct philosophy and practice of osteopathic family medicine through quality education, leadership, and responsible advocacy. ###*