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Society to Honor Dr. Lee Archer

Dr. Lee Archer will be honored at the 2018 Annual Meeting and Dinner to be held Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Clinton Presidential Center. Dr. Archer will receive the 2018 President’s Award For a Lifetime of Outstanding Contributions to Medicine. We invite you to attend and help us honor our recipient.
Zoe Weeks of Jonesboro has been awarded the $10,000 Arkansas Mutual Medical Student Award, a scholarship for third-year medical students at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) who want to practice primary care in rural Arkansas.

Weeks, a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and the University of Missouri-St. Louis, first pursued a career in teaching and decided to switch to medicine after spending a summer in the Delta and seeing the health care challenges there.

Weeks plans to return to northeast Arkansas to practice either family medicine or pediatrics, particularly in one of Poinsett, Craighead or Jackson counties, where her family is deeply connected: her father is a produce broker, her mother is an agricultural entomologist, and her husband is involved in rural agriculture.

Corey Little, president of Arkansas Mutual Insurance Co., the only medical liability insurance provider headquartered in Arkansas, said the company continues to commit its resources to improving rural health care in the state. “As an Arkansas company, we’re thrilled to provide this scholarship to Zoe,” Little said. “Her passion and commitment regarding quality health care in rural Arkansas is exactly what Arkansas Mutual had in mind when we established this scholarship five years ago.”
Interview with Dr. Thurston Bauer

What motivated you to choose medicine as a career?

I wanted my work to matter every day. I wanted to have an impact and do something to improve the lives of others, and I knew medicine would give me that satisfaction. Dr. Clement Hiebert said “True happiness comes from squandering ourselves for a purpose. It is then that we achieve the fulfillment of mind, heart, and spirit.”

Why did you choose your specialty?

In medical school, I was enchanted by the anatomy of the heart and cardiopulmonary physiology. Even when studying other organ systems, I would find myself somehow going back to review the heart and lungs in relation to the other systems. Structure, function, and the way things work have always been particular interests of mine, and I was particularly attracted to cardiothoracic surgery because it provided an opportunity to immediately correct a mechanical problem and provide rapid symptom relief and reduction in risk of mortality. When I was applying for residencies, the integrated six year cardiothoracic surgery training pathway was brand-new. This provided immediate immersion into cardiothoracic surgery straight out of medical school, which was very attractive to me. What I didn’t realize at the time, was how fortunate I was to be starting my training at this time. Cardiothoracic surgery is currently a rapidly evolving field with many new technologies that are changing the way we practice. I chose UNC Chapel Hill is my training program because it provided a very balanced approach to CT surgery training with equal emphasis in cardiac and thoracic surgery as well as cardiothoracic critical care. As a result, I am just as comfortable performing minimally invasive thoracic surgery as I am implanting a left ventricular assist device, initiating and managing ECMO, implanting a transcatheter heart valve, or performing complex open cardiac operations. I enjoy the variety.

Who are the people who influenced you the most in your professional life and why?

I have been very fortunate to have had many amazing mentors at each step of my journey through medical education. I have certainly been influenced by my father who is also a cardiothoracic surgeon and happens to be one of my current partners. I always had great respect for his work and his contributions to the healthcare of Central Arkansas, but didn’t necessarily want to follow in his footsteps until I experienced cardiothoracic surgery independent of him as a medical student. When I joined him and our other three partners approximately two years ago, I knew I was joining a very solid group of cardiothoracic surgeons with an excellent collegial practice atmosphere. We frequently discuss complicated cases with each other to make sure we offer the best possible care to each one of our patients. I have also been influenced greatly by my patients. They show courage in their willingness to consent to surgery in such a short period of time. This has led to many of them becoming personal friends.

What advice would you give a medical student in school right now?

I would encourage any medical student to consider cardiac surgery. This field is rapidly evolving.

Honestly, there is great freedom for cardiothoracic surgeons joining the workforce today. You can choose to have a well-balanced practice with 50% thoracic surgery and 50% cardiac surgery. You can choose to work in academics or private practice and be in high demand in either. Further, there is a predicted shortage of cardiovascular surgeons with an increase in demand by 46%. We are already seeing the effectiveness with increasing demand in the past few years. For instance, the average salary for a cardiothoracic surgeon has increased 23% in three years.
THE FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BYLAWS OF THE PULASKI COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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2018 Annual Business Meeting Notifications

PCMS Bylaws state “The slate of candidates shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval and shall be mailed to all members prior to the Annual Business Meeting”. It also says “bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting at a regular or special meeting of the Society. Proposed amendments shall be mailed to all members at least thirty days before the vote on such amendments is taken”.

**Pulaski County Medical Society Nominees:**

Officer Nominees:
- Joshua Chance, MD - President
- Kay Chandler, MD - Vice President-Elect
- W. David King, MD - Vice President
- Amir Qureshi, MD - Immediate Past President

Nominees for Board of Directors (2 year term):
- Chad Rodgers, MD
- Renee Montgomery, MD
- Dana Abraham, MD

**Pulaski County Medical Exchange Nominees:**

President - Joe Pevahouse, MD
Vice President - John Baber, MD
Secretary/Treasurer - Derek Rudkin, CAE

Nominees for Board of Directors:
- Francisco Batres, MD
- J. K. Buchman, MD
- Melissa Graham, MD
- David Mego, MD
- Renee Montgomery, MD
Chris Cate, MD, is elected to the Arkansas Mutual Board of Directors.

Arkansas Mutual announces the election of Chris Cate, MD, to Arkansas Mutual’s board of directors. The Surgical Clinic of Central Arkansas, where Cate practices, is the oldest and largest surgical clinic in the state. Each of these doctors studied medicine at UAMS, and every Arkansas Mutual board member was born and raised in Arkansas.

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