

APDR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Lawrence P. Davis, MD

Introduction by Duane G. Mezwa, MD, FACR

It is a unique honor for me to be presenting the 2014 APDR Achievement Award to Lawrence P. Davis, MD. I have known Larry for the past 30 years. The honor is truly unique because it was only 2 years ago that Larry presented this prestigious award to me. Similarly, we have had parallel careers, not only in medicine, but also in education, as well as organized efforts in radiology.

Larry is a native New Yorker but has spent much of his time trying to decide if he liked Michigan or New York more. He graduated from Colgate University as a biochemist. He subsequently received his medical degree from the State University of New York (SUNY), graduating magna cum laude.

He then began a long-term relationship with North Shore University Hospital, where he did his internship and residency. Larry decided to pursue a second residency in nuclear medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. A few years after that, he came to Michigan, where he spent many years on staff at Wayne State University and the Detroit Medical Center. He rose through the ranks to professor and became a program director, which is where he excelled. He also had the opportunity to lead the department by serving as interim chair and specialist-in-chief. His heart really never left New York, and Larry returned to his roots at Long Island Jewish Medical Center (LIJMC) in the North Shore-LIJ Health System (NSLIJ). He continued to be very active as a program director and also vice-chair and chair of the GME Committee at LIJMC. Once again in recognition of his special talent to lead, Larry served as the interim chair of radiology at NSLIJ for more than 3 years. Today he serves as the department vice-chair and continues his lifelong passion of being a program director.

Larry also has had a long-term relationship with organized medicine by serving the American College of Radiology (ACR) in various roles. Most notably, he served as a member of the Board of Chancellors and was chair of the Commission on Education. Of great importance, he served as president of the Michigan Radiological Society, a chapter of the ACR. Larry has contributed greatly to the American Board of Radiology (ABR), serving as a respected oral examiner and contributing greatly to written content for the old exam as well as the current exams.

Larry was asked to join the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee (RRC) and for the past 3 years has served as its chair. Under his

leadership, training programs have been strengthened, and he continues to share his expertise, predominantly in the area of nuclear medicine.

Larry is a respected expert in radiology and, more specifically, nuclear medicine. He has been an invited speaker or visiting professor at dozens of institutions across the country. He has 25 publications to his credit, as well as multiple book chapters.

As can be seen from all of this, Larry is what I consider a triple threat in radiology: excellence in leadership, education, and service. He gives timelessly of himself to the ACR, the ABR,

the APDR (having been its 2010–2011 president), the ACGME program, the RRC, and numerous other XYZs. He has been recognized for his leadership skills, having led two different university radiology departments in time of great need. Larry has steered the RRC through a whole new accreditation system. He has influenced how residents are trained in the United States.

What most impresses me about Larry is his willingness to always step forward and help where needed. He has the unique ability to seek opportunities and challenges and then work to exhaustion to accomplish the goals he has set for himself. What is even more striking is his vision, once a goal has been accomplished, to step aside and encourage others to follow and have their chance to experience all of the joy of

education, service, and leadership.

Above all of this, Larry will tell you that his real love in life is his wife of many years, Mary. They are both extremely proud of their two daughters—Cecilia, who is a resident in internal medicine at Yale, and Bernadette, who is a senior at Fordham, majoring in English and communications. The family is completed with their dog, Willie.

On a more personal note, Larry has been a friend and mentor throughout our careers. We have supported each other in the many roles we have both undertaken. I have been fortunate to work under Larry's leadership in the RRC, as well as the Michigan Radiological Society, where he was our president. I know I am a better chair today, having learned from Larry.

Lawrence P. Davis, MD, is truly a wonderful champion for radiology. His numerous accomplishments in radiology education and service to our specialty make him the perfect recipient of the 2014 APDR Achievement Award. Please join me in congratulating him on this well-deserved honor.



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