

Strengthening safety and education by leading the way in OMS excellence

In oral and maxillofacial surgery, the highest standards of care depend on two pillars: safety and education. The OMS Foundation is committed to advancing both – equipping practitioners with the tools to respond effectively in critical situations and ensuring residency programs are led by skilled, forward-thinking educators. In 2025, two Foundation-funded initiatives took important steps toward safeguarding patients, empowering leaders and strengthening the specialty from the ground up.

Anesthesia Patient Safety webinar

Recognizing the need for updated emergency preparedness resources, the OMS Foundation funded the development of new crisis training tools in 2023. After evaluating outdated materials and aligning with the 2025 revision of the *Office Anesthesia Evaluation Manual*, the team shifted its focus to creating an Anesthesia Patient Safety webinar. This comprehensive training equips OMS teams with practical strategies to organize effective mock drills, manage stress during emergencies and improve performance under pressure.

By emphasizing readiness and proactive response, the webinar reinforces the specialty's commitment to safety in anesthesia care.

Investing in residency leadership: OMS Program Directors Program

In August, AAOMS hosted the OMS Program Directors Program that was funded by the OMS Foundation. Designed exclusively for OMS program directors, this complimentary one-day conference provided practical insights into recruiting top



OMS Program Directors Program

applicants, mentoring residents, preparing for CODA accreditation and integrating non-categorical interns. Participants also engaged with partner organizations, including the OMS Foundation, ABOMS and OMSNIC, and benefited from robust networking and collaboration. Together, these efforts are strengthening the leadership pipeline for OMS residency programs nationwide.

A shared vision for the future

Whether refining emergency response skills or empowering program directors to lead with excellence, these initiatives reflect the OMS Foundation's mission to advance the specialty through innovation, collaboration and lifelong learning. By investing in both the safety of today's patients and the training of tomorrow's surgeons, the Foundation is building a stronger, more resilient future for oral and maxillofacial surgery. ■

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David L. Basi, DMD, PhD
OMS Foundation Chair

A bold new strategic vision

The OMS Foundation continues to be a cornerstone of innovation and dedication within the evolving field of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Committed to advancing research, education and clinical practice, the Foundation plays a vital role in shaping the future of the specialty.

At its core, the Foundation’s mission is to support and enhance oral and maxillofacial surgery through impactful research initiatives and educational programs. By fostering collaboration among researchers, educators and clinicians, the Foundation accelerates scientific discovery and elevates patient care.

In 2025, the Foundation embarked on an ambitious journey with the development of a new strategic plan. Carefully aligned with evolving mission objectives, the plan reaffirms the Foundation’s commitment to scientific excellence while introducing innovative programs poised to redefine the specialty’s landscape. The strategic planning process marked a significant milestone,

as Board leaders reflected on past achievements and charted initiatives to drive the field forward.

We extend our gratitude to the former Board members, Drs. Gary F. Bouloux, Jasjit K. Dillon and Edward J. Miller as well as ROAAOMS Liaison Dr. Artem Krutyansky, whose dedication laid the groundwork for today’s successes. A special thank you goes to Dr. Brett L. Ferguson for his exemplary service as Chair over the past two years. His steady leadership was instrumental in guiding the Foundation through a period of growth and renewed vision.

With forward-looking leadership and a shared commitment to progress, the OMS Foundation stands ready to continue shaping the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery – advancing excellence, empowering practitioners and making a lasting impact on the specialty and the patients it serves.

As new leadership steps forward, we do so with strong momentum and a unified vision. While the journey continues, the Foundation has built a solid base upon which to grow and thrive. ■



Foundation Board welcomes new directors, leadership

The OMS Foundation welcomed three new Directors to its Board: Drs. David A. Bitonti, Joli C. Chou and Simon Young, as directors at large.

Following the recent strategic planning sessions, the Foundation also expanded its Board to include three new positions: Immediate Past Chair, New to Practice OMS Representative and Industry Partner.

Those roles were filled by Dr. Brett L. Ferguson, Dr. Joshua D. Segal and Mr. Scott Fehrs, of Treloar & Heisel, respectively.

Dr. David L. Basi began his two-year term as Foundation Chair at the close of the AAOMS Annual Meeting, supported by Vice Chair Dr. James A. Baker and Treasurer Dr. Jeffrey H. Wallen.

Dr. Adhithi Kesari will serve as the new ROAAOMS Liaison, and AAOMS Trustees Drs. Gregory M. Ness and Julia R. Plevnia round out the Board of Directors. ■

2025-2026 OMS Foundation Board of Directors

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Health Walk marks 30 years

The Health Walk celebrated its 30th anniversary at the Annual Meeting, highlighting its tradition of wellness, community and philanthropy. Over three mornings, participants walked routes that showcased some of the most iconic and picturesque landmarks in Washington, D.C.

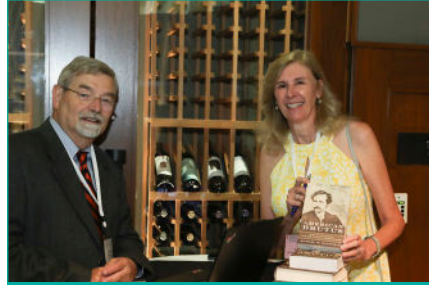
From the Sculpture Garden at the National Gallery of Art and the Washington Monument to the historic Ford's Theatre and the White House, each route offered not only stunning sights but also a chance to connect with spouses, staff and friends of OMSs in addition to the OMSs themselves.



2025 Health Walk participants

In addition to the Health Walks, the OMS Foundation Luncheon and FUNraiser for GIVE was held at the elegant Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse. Guests enjoyed a welcome cocktail and a gourmet dining experience in a refined

atmosphere. The program featured inspiring presentations from GIVE speaker Dr. Lauren Lill and Michael Kauffman, author of *American Brutus: John Wilkes Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracies*.



2025 Luncheon and FUNraiser for GIVE

Sponsorship from Canfield, Inc., KLS Martin, OMSNIC, PMT and Salvin Dental helped make the events possible, underscoring the strength of community support behind these enduring traditions.

Many thanks to the 2025 Alliance Committee

Many thanks to the 2025 Alliance Committee for their dedication and hard work this year. Their efforts have been instrumental in advancing the OMS Foundation's mission and creating meaningful events. Their commitment and leadership is truly appreciated, and the OMS Foundation looks forward to continued success together.



2025 Alliance Committee

2025 Committee Members

- Kos Lugakingira, Chair
- Andrea Tate, Vice Chair
- Olga Schwartz, Past Chair
- Valeria Burks
- Maricar Harris
- Jaclynn Dayse
- James A. Baker, DDS, Board Liaison

OMS Foundation Donor Appreciation Reception

The OMS Foundation hosted its Donor Appreciation Reception at the Beer Lab, located within the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. All donors were recognized for their generous support of the Foundation. The event provided a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for attendees to connect, enjoy refreshments and celebrate the collective impact of their contributions. ■



Donor Appreciation Reception

2025 Norma L. Kelly Resident Spouse Scholarships

The 2025 Kelly Scholarship recipients (from left) Lauren Abasheva, Amber Liljenquist, Yadin Teitz, Hannah So, Melan Hasquet, Tayla Ritchie, Jacqueline Maasch, Hannah W. Austin, Alexa Drockton and Sara Ghoulah (not pictured) were welcomed to the AAOMS and OMS Foundation community during the 2025 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.



The OMS Foundation thanks OMSNIC for its generous funding support of these travel scholarships. ■



2025 Kelly Scholarship recipients

2025 Foundation-sponsored speaker addresses OMS Match trends

The OMS Foundation sponsored its annual Faculty Section lunch during the Annual Meeting, ahead of the session Navigating the Crossroads: Ensuring the Future of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education Amid Uncertainty.

In response to concerns about declining OMS residency applicants and unfilled Match positions, the Foundation invited Jonah Peranson, Vice President of National Matching Services, Inc., to present an overview of Match history

and analyze the 2025 results. His insights helped faculty better understand shifting applicant trends and support efforts to strengthen the future OMS pipeline. ■

Limited-edition socks drive Annual Meeting fundraising success

At the 2025 AAOMS Annual Meeting, the OMS Foundation debuted a sock fundraiser to boost donor engagement. Attendees who gave \$50 or more received limited-edition red, white and blue socks celebrating the meeting’s Washington, D.C., location. With only 200 pairs available, the campaign sparked excitement, raised over \$20,000 and left donors with a fun keepsake. Its success has made it a new Annual Meeting tradition – collect next year’s design and show your Foundation pride!



OMS Foundation socks

AAOMS Annual Meeting 2025 Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the OMS Foundation Awards, who were recognized on stage at the 2025 AAOMS Annual Meeting Opening Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

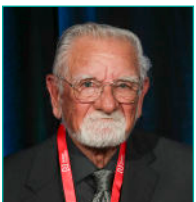


Dr. Thomas P. Williams

Torch Award

The Foundation’s most prestigious award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions

and/or provided exemplary service to the OMS Foundation. This year’s honoree is Thomas P. Williams, DDS, MD, FACS. Dr. Williams is a leader in advancing the mission of the OMS Foundation, particularly through his role in establishing the Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) program – drawing on his experience providing surgical care on missions to Pakistan, Nepal, the Philippines and Colombia.

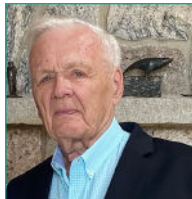


Dr. Robert E. Marx

Annual Meeting Dedication

The 107th AAOMS Annual Meeting was dedicated to Robert E. Marx, DDS, FACS, in recognition of his

years of service and innovation in oral and maxillofacial surgery. During his remarks, Dr. Marx spoke passionately about the Foundation’s role in advancing research, education and innovation. Then – true to his words – he surprised the audience by presenting a \$10,000 gift to the Foundation live on stage and encouraged colleagues to give generously to continue driving progress for the patients we serve.



Dr. Roderick W. Lewin

Gerald E. Hanson Outstanding Service Award

This award is named for Dr. Gerald Hanson, who chaired the OMS Foundation

from 2005 to 2007 and spearheaded an innovative and successful annual giving campaign. The 2025 award recognizes Roderick W. Lewin, DMD. Dr. Lewin is a retired OMS and longtime supporter of the OMS Foundation’s mission. For more than 25 years, Dr. Lewin has joined surgical missions to Honduras, providing no-cost care to patients with complex oral and maxillofacial conditions.



Dr. John M. Le

Dr. David Stanton Resident Research Award

Honoring the late Dr. David Stanton who taught, mentored and inspired students

and colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania for 24 years, this award recognizes the OMS resident author(s) of the most outstanding research paper with a resident author published in the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* during the previous year. The JOMS Editorial Board honored John M. Le, DDS, MD, for his leadership on the paper, “Is the Use of Dexmedetomidine Upon Emergence From Anesthesia Associated With Neck Hematoma Formation Following Head and Neck Microvascular Reconstruction?”

Please note that this new language regarding the Stanton Award is on behalf of JOMS.



Dr. R. Bryan Bell

Research Recognition Award

This annual award recognizes those whose scientific contributions have led to a

better understanding of basic disease processes and improvement of care for patients with maxillofacial disorders. This year’s recipient is R. Bryan Bell, DDS, MD, FRCS(Ed), FACS. Dr. Bell is recognized for advancing the understanding and treatment of head and neck cancers through clinical research and innovation.

Daniel M. Laskin Award

In recognition of the most outstanding article published in the *Journal* in 2024, the JOMS Editorial Board honored the authors of “Does the Use of Botulinum Toxin in Treatment of Myofascial Pain Disorder of the Masseters and Temporalis Muscles Reduce Pain, Improve Function, or Enhance Quality of Life?”

- Gwendolyn S. Reeve, DMD, FACS
- Owen Insel, DMD
- Ashley N. Houle, DDS, MD
- Michael Miloro, DMD, MD, FACS
- Charlene Thomas, MS



Drs. Gwendolyn Reeve, Owen Insel, Michael Miloro and Ashley Houle

A legacy of leadership: Dr. Daniel J. and Rosemarie L. Daley make historic \$2 million gift

In a defining moment for the OMS Foundation, Dr. Daniel J. and Rosemarie L. Daley made a remarkable \$2 million contribution – one of the largest single cash gifts in the Foundation’s history. This extraordinary act of generosity reflects Dr. Daley’s decades-long dedication to oral and maxillofacial surgery and his enduring commitment to advancing the specialty.

In honor of this transformational gift, the Foundation established the Daniel J. Daley Millionaire Society – Elevating Excellence: Honoring Visionary Philanthropists, to recognize individuals whose philanthropy shapes the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Dr. Daley, a past AAOMS President and long-time supporter, continues to lead by example, inspiring current and future major donors with his vision and generosity.

The Foundation Board also recommended a living tribute: a dedicated tree planted at the AAOMS and OMS Foundation headquarters to symbolize strength, growth and the lasting impact of the Daleys’ support. In addition, Dr. and Mrs. Daley were honored during the Opening Ceremony, Awards Presentation and Meeting Dedication at the AAOMS Annual Meeting, where Dr. Daley received the custom-designed Daniel J. Daley Millionaire Society 14-karat gold lapel pin, a lasting emblem of appreciation and recognition.

A portrait of Dr. Daley will be displayed at AAOMS headquarters, accompanied by a commemorative plaque acknowledging his historic contribution.



Dr. Daniel J. and Rosemarie L. Daley

This exceptional gift marks a new chapter in the Foundation’s legacy of giving and serves as a powerful call to action for those who wish to leave a meaningful and lasting impact on the specialty. ■

Honoring a legend: CALAOMS raises \$40,000+ in tribute to Dr. A. Thomas Indresano



Dr. A. Thomas Indresano

At the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMS) meeting in May, the OMS community united to honor one of its most respected and influential leaders, Dr. A. Thomas Indresano. In a heartfelt and inspiring tribute, more than \$40,000 was raised to recognize Dr. Indresano’s profound impact on the specialty. Led by Drs. Alexei Mizin and Sam F. Khoury, the surprise effort brought together many of Dr. Indresano’s former residents and fellows – each eager to celebrate the mentor who shaped their careers and left a lasting legacy in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Dr. and Mrs. Indresano have long exemplified unwavering commitment to the Foundation’s mission through their generous and consistent support. Their leadership continues to inspire others to give back and invest in the future of the profession.

Join this meaningful tribute by making a gift in Dr. Indresano’s honor at OMSFoundation.org.

Anyone who would like to organize a tribute to raise funds for the OMS Foundation to honor or celebrate someone who has made an impact to the oral and maxillofacial specialty, should contact the OMS Foundation directly and ask for the Guidelines for a Successful Tribute Campaign document. ■

Shine bright every month: Join new Monthly Torch Bearers program

Ignite lasting change in oral and maxillofacial surgery with purpose and pride – one month at a time. The OMS Foundation invites you to become a Monthly Torch Bearer.

By committing to a monthly gift of \$100, \$250 or \$500, you'll fuel year-round progress – enabling the Foundation to address emerging needs, fund cutting-edge research and prepare the next generation of OMS leaders.

But being a Torch Bearer means more than just giving. It means joining a community of committed champions who believe in shaping the future of the specialty. As a token of appreciation, you'll receive exclusive,

high-quality OMS Foundation-branded gear that celebrates your commitment – items like the Yeti Rambler 30-ounce tumbler, Nike Dri-FIT polo, Patagonia Better Sweater vest, Patagonia daypack, Helly Hansen jacket, Patagonia Nano Puff clothing, and more.

Whether you're looking to give back, lead by example or invest in a stronger tomorrow for the OMS specialty, becoming a Monthly Torch Bearer is a powerful way to make a difference – month after month.

Sign up today and be the spark behind tomorrow's advancements.

Visit OMSFoundation.org to learn more and sign up. ■

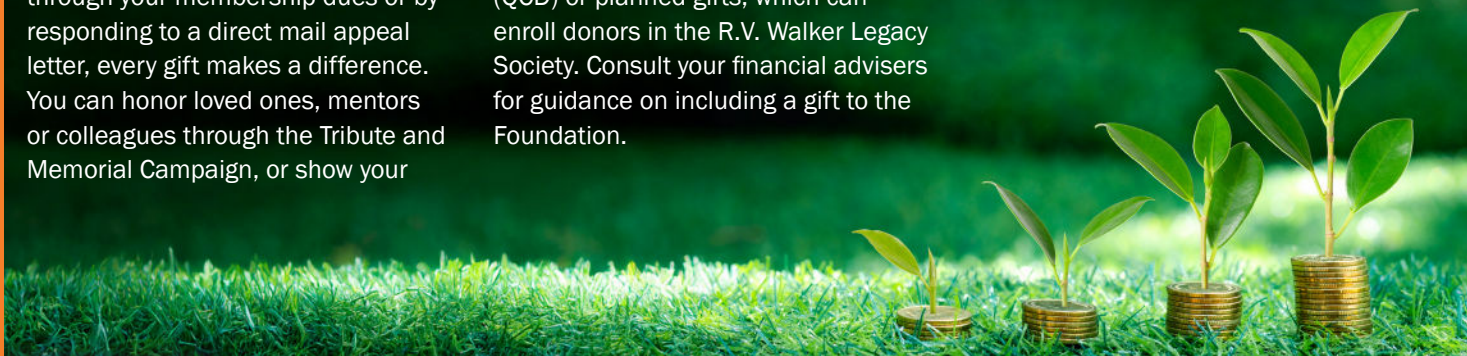


Many ways to give: Choose the option that's right for you

There are many meaningful ways to support the Foundation, each offering an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Whether you choose to contribute to the Annual Fund by donating online, through your membership dues or by responding to a direct mail appeal letter, every gift makes a difference. You can honor loved ones, mentors or colleagues through the Tribute and Memorial Campaign, or show your

ongoing commitment by enrolling in the Monthly Torch Bearers program – with gifts of \$100, \$250 or \$500 a month. The Foundation also welcomes contributions through stocks and securities, Donor Advised Funds (DAF), Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) or planned gifts, which can enroll donors in the R.V. Walker Legacy Society. Consult your financial advisers for guidance on including a gift to the Foundation.

For more information on how you can contribute to the OMS Foundation, visit OMSFoundation.org, call a member of the OMS Foundation staff at 847-233-4304 or email info@omsfoundation.org. ■



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