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KEN WEBSTER, EDD, OF LARGO, RECEIVES FOMA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Tallahassee, FL – Ken Webster, EdD of Largo, Florida, received the 2019 Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) during its 2019 Annual Convention held February 20-24, 2019, in Weston, Florida. A crowd of more than 900 osteopathic physicians, healthcare professionals, and students attended the Convention. Since 1960, the FOMA Distinguished Service Award has been presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in scientific, professional, osteopathic education, or service to the osteopathic profession or citizens of Florida at a state or national level. It is the highest honor that the FOMA can bestow upon an individual.

Dr. Kenneth E. Webster has served as the Executive Director of the Pinellas County and Hillsborough County Osteopathic Medical Societies for the past 31 years. He has previously served in the same capacity with the Florida Society ACOFP for seven years. He has recently been honored by both county Societies that presented him with their “Lifetime Achievement Award”.

As the Executive Director of these osteopathic societies, Dr. Webster has coordinated over forty conventions, 240 dinner meetings and special events, and over 200 board meetings. He spearheaded the first PCOMS and HCOMS Medical Mission to Jamaica over 10 years ago. Recently, a Jamaican Government office came to Tampa to announce their plans to make the continuity clinic permanent, allowing for medical students and physicians to serve those in need of medical care. He has attended numerous FOMA and AOA conventions.

Dr. Webster has long advocated for the development of osteopathic medical colleges. He served as the consultant for LECOM-Bradenton in obtaining their initial accreditation and licensing. For the past twenty years he led efforts to develop an osteopathic medical school in Pinellas County. This effort has finally materialized with the Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine in Clearwater, Florida, that is scheduled to open in July 2019. Dr. Webster has previously been recognized for his contributions to the osteopathic profession with the FOMA Board Chairman’s Award and by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians with a proclamation for his legislative efforts with the United States Congress.

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