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THE ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY RECEIVES 2024 POWER OF ASSOCIATIONS AWARD FOR ITS OPEN DOOR PROGRAM

Chicago, IL – The Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) has been recognized with a Power of Associations Silver Award by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) for its successful Open Door Program. The award honors associations that go “above and beyond their everyday mission to undertake initiatives that benefit America and the world.”

Open Door was established in 2018 to promote interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) with underrepresented students in various local communities. In the program, students from a local middle school or high school participate in a day of scientific presentations and interactive, hands-on workshops with leading engineers, biologists, and clinicians. The program was developed to address gender, racial, and ethnic disparities in the field of orthopaedics, and to build the foundation for future researchers.

In 2023, the ORS added an Early Career Outreach Travel Award to help recruit a diverse group of volunteers to participate in the program. This allows Open Door students to meet and connect with scientists whose identity and lived experiences align with their own.

“Congratulations to the Orthopaedic Research Society for exemplifying the impact associations have on the industries and professions they represent, and on society at large,” said ASAE President and CEO Michelle Mason, FASAE, CAE. “It’s always so incredibly satisfying to see associations going above and beyond their everyday mission to change the world. We’re very proud to spotlight this award-winning initiative.”

About the award, Sharon Smith-Terry, CEO of the ORS, states, “The Open Door Program raises awareness about the field of orthopaedics and the various career opportunities that are available. The program has the potential to fill the pipeline with diverse professions in a field where few patients of color see themselves in the health care professionals who treat them.”

The next Open Door session will take place on February 7, 2025 in Phoenix, AZ, as part of the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting.

About the ORS

The Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Rosemont, Illinois. ORS is the only international research society focused on orthopaedics and musculoskeletal care. The ORS comprises of 3,500 members who are clinicians, biologists and engineers. For 70 years, the Society's basic, translational, and scientific research has been used to treat patients with musculoskeletal disorders to ultimately enhance their quality and equity of care.

For more information on the Orthopaedic Research Society or its Open Door Program, please visit <http://www.ors.org>, email ors@ors.org, or call 847-823-5770.

About The Power of Associations Awards

ASAE's Power of Associations Awards recognize the association community's economic and societal contributions locally, nationally and globally. ASAE will celebrate The Power of Associations Award recipients during its annual Summit Awards Dinner on September 24, 2024, at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC.

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