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Call for Nominations for the 2027 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award

The death of Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., MD, in 1986, removed from American pediatrics a leader with vision and selfless dedication to the ideal of excellence. His concern for the patient and the future of health care was well known. Certainly, he was a leader in the forums addressing issues concerning the future of pediatric education and research. It seemed appropriate, therefore, to honor his memory in a manner that would remind present and future generations of pediatricians that one individual can make a difference, and all should try, when the health care of children is at stake.

The member societies of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations (FOPO) established an endowment fund for what is now the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award. Dr. St. Geme's stature in pediatrics was reflected by his meaningful participation in all facets of pediatrics as demonstrated by the sponsorship of this award by these societies:

Academic Pediatric Association
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Board of Pediatrics
American Pediatric Society
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Pediatric Program Directors
Society for Pediatric Research

This award was established as an effort on the part of these organizations to honor the life, work, and memory of Joe St. Geme and to memorialize his many contributions to and his aspirations for pediatrics. Many of Dr. St. Geme's friends and colleagues have contributed to this award as well as major contributions from Ross Laboratories, Hoechst Roussel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Connaught Laboratories, Inc., Merck & Company, Inc., and Mead Johnson Nutrition.

Criteria for Selection

1. The individual must be a pediatrician who is perceived as a role model for others to emulate, as a clinician, an educator, and/or an investigator.

2. The individual must be a leader who has "created a future" for pediatrics and for children and has played an active role in one or more organizations sponsoring this award.

3. The individual should preferably have a record of broad sustained contributions to pediatrics that have had or will have a major impact on child health.

4. The individual must be currently active in pediatrics. **what defines "active" is at the discretion of each of the 7 organizations.*

5. The individual can be a retired member of any of the pediatric organizations sponsoring this award.

6. The individual must **not** be an active FOPO Board member.

Dr. St. Geme was to have been President of the American Pediatric Society in its 100th year and was to preside at the APS spring meetings. For this reason, the spring meetings of the APS have been the venue for the award presentation each year. The first award was presented on May 3, 1988.

Past Recipients

1988 Sam Katz
1989 Robert Haggerty
1990 Frank Oski
1991 Lewis Barness
1992 Morris Green
1993 Abraham Rudolph
1994 Vincent Fulginiti
1995 Ralph Feigin
1996 Jimmy Simon
1997 Errol Alden
1998 Catherine DeAngelis
1999 James Stockman
2000 Evan Charney
2001 Russell Chesney
2002 Walter Tunnessen
2003 Thomas Boat
2004 Myron Genel
2005 Robert Kelch
2006 Carol Berkowitz
2007 Richard Behrman
2008 Douglas Jones
2009 Kenneth Roberts
2010 Stephen Ludwig
2011 George Lister
2012 Gail McGuinness
2013 Renee Jenkins
2014 Lewis First
2015 Barry Zuckerman
2016 David Stevenson
2017 Carol Carraccio
2018 Mark A. Schuster
2019 F. Bruder Stapleton
2020 Joseph St. Geme, III
2021 Frederick P. Rivara
2022 Fernando Mendoza
2023 Elena Fuentes-Afflick
2024 Benard Dreyer
2025 James Perrin
2026 Robert J. Vinci

Nominations
Self-nominations and individual nominations from the larger community must go through **at least** 1 of the 7-member organizations (contact information listed below under submission instructions). Each member organization is responsible for reviewing all individual nominations submitted to them and selecting **no more** than 2 nominations to submit to the St. Geme Selection Committee. This means, each organization can submit up to 2 nominations, one on behalf of their organization, and the second on behalf of an individual.

Deadline to submit to an organization: COB, Friday, December 4, 2026.

Nomination Materials

- 1 primary nomination letter from primary nominator from the pediatric community describing why their candidate meets the St. Geme criteria.
- Up to 2 additional letters of support (these can include any extenuating circumstances as to why the candidate should be selected or a summary of multiple support letters).
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Submission Instructions
Email your nomination materials to at least 1 of the following organizations no later than COB, Friday, December 4, 2026. Subject line should read: NOMINATION St. Geme Award - FOPO

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