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Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine Sponsors Fellow in Leadership Through Partnership with Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

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In partnership with the national [Alpha Omega Alpha \(AΩA\) Honor Medical Society](#), the [Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine \(KNN\)](#) will sponsor an **AΩA Richard L. Bynny Fellow in Leadership** for the 2025-2026 program cycle. The collaboration will advance leadership development efforts that encourage excellence, a spirit of service and a human-centered approach.

The AΩA Richard L. Bynny Fellow in Leadership program is designed to develop medical professionals across the country who exhibit leadership that is inspiring, insightful, engaging and humble — leaders who understand and represent the needs of patients, physicians, medical educators and trainees. This unique program develops outstanding midcareer physician leaders through experiential opportunities, team-based learning, a servant leadership curriculum and self-development activities.

“The KNN and AΩA are both committed to creating an environment where flourishing can happen. We are proud to partner with an organization that shares a commitment to service, professionalism, and the pursuit of excellence,” said Bradley E. Barth, MD, MSLOD, Executive Director of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

“Rising leaders play an essential role in shaping the future of medicine and healthcare. It is a privilege to partner with Alpha Omega Alpha to nurture individuals who lead with a heart for humanity, from a place of deep integrity, and toward a transformative approach that encourages flourishing for all,” said Cheryl A. Maurana, PhD, Founding Director of the KNN as well as Interim Provost, Stephen and Shelagh Roell Endowed Chair, Professor, and Senior Vice President for Strategic Academic Partnerships at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The KNN-supported Fellow will embark on a year-long project surrounding leadership for flourishing in medicine, integrating the [principles of character, caring and practical wisdom toward flourishing](#). As part of the program experience, this Fellow will receive mentoring and development through the KNN, including opportunities to contribute to national efforts to transform the culture of medicine, such as virtual seminars, KNN communities of practice and other avenues for engagement.

Individuals selected for the AΩA Richard L. Bynny Fellow in Leadership program come from myriad specialties and institutions, and program alums include more than 30 highly successful Fellows who are now leaders in medicine throughout the United States.

Midcareer AΩA members who are interested in this opportunity should visit the fellowship program site for full details and to submit their materials for initial qualification screening.

The **application deadline is March 11, 2025**, and awardees will be announced on May 16, 2025.

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.alphaomegaaalpha.org/programs/fellow-in-leadership/>

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[About the Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine](#)

The Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine (KNN) is a movement focused on integrating four foundational elements within the profession of medicine: character, caring, practical wisdom and flourishing. The KNN advances this work by connecting and convening stakeholders across the health ecosystem, catalyzing transformative initiatives, and influencing policy and systems change toward stronger, healthier organizational cultures. Upwards of 50 healthcare organizations engage with the KNN in a variety of ways, with 30+ KNN Student Chapters across the country. Funding for the KNN is provided through a generous investment from the Kern Family Foundation and additional support.

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[About the Alpha Omega Alpha \(ΑΩΑ\) Honor Medical Society](#)

Alpha Omega Alpha, founded in 1902, is the national medical honor society. Election to ΑΩΑ is an honor signifying a lasting commitment to professionalism, leadership, scholarship, research, and community service. A lifelong honor, membership in the society confers recognition for a physician's dedication to the profession and art of healing. Since its founding in 1902, nearly 200,000 members have been elected to the society. ΑΩΑ supports 13 fellowships, grants, programs, and awards for medical students and physicians at its 135 Chapters, and publishes *The Pharos*, a quarterly peer-reviewed, medical humanities journal.