

Patrick M. McQuillan, M.D., to Receive 2018 Nicholas M. Greene, M.D. Award for Outstanding Humanitarian Contribution

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The Nicholas M. Greene, M.D. Award for Outstanding Humanitarian Contribution will be conferred upon Patrick M. McQuillan, M.D., at ANESTHESIOLOGY® 2018 in San Francisco. The award was created in honor of the late Nicholas M. Greene, M.D., who founded the ASA Overseas Teaching Program (OTP) in 1991. The OTP was renamed the Committee on Global Humanitarian Outreach in 2008, and the first Nicholas M. Greene Award was bestowed upon Dr. Phil Bridenbaugh in 2010 – a past chair of the OTP.

This year, as in years past, the GHO Committee entertained multiple meritorious nominations for the prestigious award. Subcommittee members, led by Elizabeth Drum, M.D., were again tasked to adjudicate which nominee had the greatest impact on global humanitarian outreach during the course of their careers. Pat McQuillan will be the eighth anesthesiologist to receive the award.

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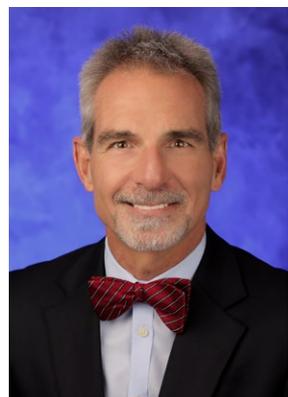


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At that time, having trained in anesthesiology at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, Pat decided “it was time to put my skills to work, and to the test.” And boy did he ever! After volunteering for his first mission with Operation Smile in Liberia in 1987, he never stopped.

Three decades later – having volunteered in places as far-flung as Iraq, Iran, China, Honduras, Vietnam, Colombia, Haiti and India with Operation Smile, and receiving its Volunteer of the Year Award (2010) along the way – Pat has parlayed his remarkable skills as a physician anesthesiologist to the betterment of his patients. The very youngest and oldest have benefited from his care, including performing the first Norwood cardiac anesthetic in Ecuador, and participating

in plastic surgical operations in Iran. After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, he served as an anesthesiologist in an O.R. setup in the dilapidated school rooms of an orphanage outside Port au Prince, caring for infected wounds and in many cases saving limbs from amputation.



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Serving now – I am proud to say – as a Professor and Vice Chair of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at Penn State University, Pat conducted clinical mission trips more than 40 times in the intervening years; with one watchword for his care – that patients be kept safe. In addition, as a teacher, many of the hundreds of residents who have been trained by him (some accompanying him on missions) stand in awe of his clinical skills and have benefitted enormously from his clinical acumen, caring and kindness.

For all the work that Dr. McQuillan has done in improving safe anesthesia care around the world, the ASA GHO Committee is justly proud to name him the 2018 Nicholas M. Greene, M.D. Award for Outstanding Humanitarian Contribution recipient.



Dr. McQuillan introducing intraoperative TEE for pediatric open heart surgery in Ecuador.



Dr. McQuillan assisting patients in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.